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ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

November 5, 2010

Mr. James Boston, Public Works Director
City of Decatur
P.O. Box 247
Decatur, Arkansas 72722

RE: Sanitary Sewer Manhole Overflow, Spring Ave., Decatur

AFIN: 04-00052 NPDES Permit No.: AR0022292

Dear Mr. Boston:

On October 26, 2010, I investigated a complaint concerning a sewage overflow from a manhole located between Spring Ave. and Columbia Hollow Creek. The complainant stated that the overflow was observed following a rain event on October 23, 2010. This inspection was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the location of the manhole and the duration of the overflow, it was apparent that waste had been discharged to the waters of the state in violation of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-217(a)(1).

The City of Decatur reported the overflow to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the permit. It was reported that root growth into the main was the cause of the overflow. A hydro jetter was used to clear the main of obstructions, and root-killing foam was used to deter further growth into the main. At the time of the inspection, it was noted that the ground surface impacted by the overflow had been treated with lime. No solids were observed on the ground or in the creek.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 479-267-0811, ext. 16.

Sincerely,



John Fazio
District 1 Inspector
Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch
 Water Division Permits Branch

 <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Washington, D.C. 20460</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">NPDES Compliance Inspection Report</h2>	Form Approved OMB No. 2040-0003
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Section A: National Data System Coding																												
Transaction Code			NPDES								Yr/Mo/Day				Inspec. Type		Inspector		Fac. Type									
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Inspection Work Days				Facility Evaluation Rating				BI		QA		-----Reserved-----																
67				69	70	N	71	N	72	N	73		74		75													80

Section B: Facility Data					
Name and Location of Facility Inspected (<i>For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number</i>) City of Decatur POTW (Collection System) 985 Austin St. Decatur Arkansas	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%;">Entry Time/Date 1335 / 10-26-10</td> <td style="width:50%;">Permit Effective Date 06-01-09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exit Time/Date 1355 / 10-26-10</td> <td>Permit Expiration Date 05-31-14</td> </tr> </table>	Entry Time/Date 1335 / 10-26-10	Permit Effective Date 06-01-09	Exit Time/Date 1355 / 10-26-10	Permit Expiration Date 05-31-14
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Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) No-one present	Other Facility Data SSO Recon				
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number James Boston, Public Works Director City of Decatur P.O. Box 247 Decatur, Arkansas 72722 479-752-3912, 479-752-8336	Contacted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				


Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection							
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)							
N	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Operations & Maintenance	N	Sampling
N	Records/Reports	N	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Sludge Handling/Disposal	N	Pollution Prevention
N	Facility Site Review	N	Compliance Schedules	N	Pretreatment	N	Multimedia
N	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Laboratory	N	Storm Water	S	Other: SSO recon

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)  John Fazio	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax AR Dept. of Environmental Quality - Fayetteville 479-267-0811, ext. 16; 479-267-0819	Date 10/29/10
Signature of Reviewer	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers	Date

Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet

Location: Decatur SSO – Spring Ave.

Photographer: John Fazio **Witness:** Alison West

Photo # 1 **Of** 2 **Date:** 10/26/10 **Time:** 1349

Description: Lime applied to impacted area south of creek. No solids were observed.



Photographer: John Fazio **Witness:** Alison West

Photo # 2 **Of** 2 **Date:** 10/26/10 **Time:** 1351

Description: Stream immediately downstream from the manhole was clear. No solids were observed.

