

# ADEQ

ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

December 16, 2019

Richard McCormac, Mayor  
City of Clinton  
P.O. Box 277  
Clinton, AR 72301

**RE: City of Clinton - Industrial Park Lift Station Inspection (Van Buren Co)**  
**AFIN: 71-00018** **NPDES Permit No.: AR0048836**

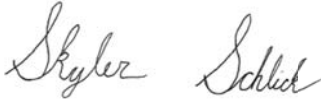
Dear Mayor McCormac:

On November 7, 2019, I performed a Reconnaissance Inspection of the above-referenced site in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed for your records.

**Please refer to the “Summary of Findings” section of the attached inspection report and provide a written response for each violation that was noted.** This response should be mailed to the attention of the Water Division Inspection Branch at the address at the bottom of this letter or e-mailed to [Water-Inspection-Report@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:Water-Inspection-Report@adeq.state.ar.us). This response should contain documentation describing the course of action taken to correct each item noted. This corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response with all necessary documentation (i.e., photos) is due by **December 30, 2019**.

If you need any assistance, please contact Kerri McCabe, Inspector Supervisor, at [mccabe@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:mccabe@adeq.state.ar.us) or (501) 682-0642.

Sincerely,



Skyler Schlick  
District 2 Field Inspector  
Water Division


 A R K A N S A S Department of Environmental Quality		WATER DIVISION INSPECTION REPORT			
		AFIN: 71-00018		PERMIT #: AR0048836	
COUNTY: 71 Van Buren		PDS #: 110385		MEDIA: WN	
GPS LAT: 35.568136 LONG: -92.459064 LOCATION: General Area					
FACILITY INFORMATION			INSPECTION INFORMATION		
NAME: <b>City of Clinton</b> LOCATION: <b>245 Quality Drive</b> CITY: <b>Clinton</b>			FACILITY TYPE: <b>2 - Industrial</b>	INSPECTOR ID#: <b>117208 S - State</b>	
			FACILITY EVALUATION RATING: <b>1 - Unsatisfactory</b>	INSPECTION TYPE: <b>Reconnaissance</b>	
			DATE(S): <b>11/19/2019</b>	ENTRY TIME:	EXIT TIME:
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL			INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS		
NAME / TITLE: <b>Richard McCormac / Mayor</b> COMPANY: <b>City of Clinton</b> MAILING ADDRESS: <b>P.O. Box 277</b> CITY, STATE, ZIP: <b>Clinton AR 72301</b> PHONE & EXT. / FAX: <b>501-745-4320</b> / EMAIL: <b>clintonmayor@artelco.com</b>			NAME/TITLE/PHONE/FAX/EMAIL/ETC.:		
CONTACTED DURING INSPECTION: <b>No</b>					
AREA EVALUATIONS					
(S=Satisfactory, M=Marginal, U=Unsatisfactory, N=Not Applicable/Evaluated)					
**	PERMIT	**	FLOW MEASUREMENT	**	STORMWATER
**	RECORDS/REPORTS	**	LABORATORY	**	FACILITY SITE REVIEW
**	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	**	EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATER	**	SELF-MONITORING PROGRAM
**	SAMPLING	**	SLUDGE HANDLING/DISPOSAL	**	PRETREATMENT
<b>U</b>	<b>OTHER: Reconnaissance</b>				
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS					
<p>The wastewater discharge that is associated from the processing of chickens by Natural State Processing, an Industrial User (IU), is causing obstruction to the flow in the City of Clinton's collection system. This is a violation of Part II, Condition 7.A.3 of the permit. The permittee must implement a contingency plan to prevent blockages to the collection system from occurring. The IU and/or the city must install pretreatment (i.e., grinder) at the lift station serving the IU.</p>					
GENERAL COMMENTS					
<p>On November 7, 2019, DEQ received a call about the lift station in the industrial park overflowing because of the chicken heads and feathers going to the lift station. The city was contacted by the Enforcement Branch. Information provided to the Enforcement Branch from city personnel stated that city personnel were informed on November 1, 2019 that the alarm was going off, but that there was no overflow. Additionally, the pump went out due to "blockages" from the chicken plant and the issue was corrected.</p> <p>A March 26, 2019 inspection of the collection system revealed there were solids coming from Natural State Processing, LLC into the City of Clinton's collection system. No action has been taken to remediate the issues at the lift station serving the IU. The city must implement the boiler plate language outlined in the permit by requiring the IU to install proper pretreatment. Obstructions and blockages in the collection system lead to slug loads at the WWTP and can lead to costly repairs to the collection system and WWTP as well as hinder adequate treatment of wastewater.</p>					
INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: <i>Skyler Schlick</i>			Skyler Schlick		DATE: 11/19/2019
SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE: <i>Kerri McCabe</i>			Kerri McCabe		DATE: 12/13/2019

Figure 1. General overview of the site (Google Earth: imagery date October 16, 2014).



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**CERTIFIED MAIL: 9489 0090 0027 6060 6272 07**

February 24, 2020

Richard McCormac, Mayor  
City of Clinton  
P.O. Box 277  
Clinton, AR 72301

**Re: Industrial Park Lift Station - Failure to Respond Inspection (Van Buren Co)**  
**AFIN: 71-00018** **NPDES Permit No.: AR0048836**

Dear Mayor McCormac:

Letters dated May 9, 2019 and December 16, 2019 were sent by the ADEQ to the City of Clinton. The letters respectively outlined the findings of March 26, 2019 and November 7, 2019 inspections of the above-referenced facility. The letters requested that a written response be submitted to the Office of Water Quality Compliance Branch of this Department by December 20, 2019. To date, no response has been received.

Please submit a written response by **March 9, 2020**. Copies of the inspection reports have been included for your convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (479) 968-7339 ext. 16 or you may e-mail me at [beck@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:beck@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,



Amy Beck  
District 5 Field Inspector  
Office of Water Quality

**From:** [Beck, Amy](#)  
**To:** [McConnell, Melissa](#)  
**Subject:** FW: LETTER RE: INDUSTRIAL PARK LIFT STATION  
**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2020 3:58:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [LETTER re INDUSTRIAL PARK LIFT STATION.pdf](#)

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Please attach to PDS 107741 and 110385.

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**From:** CLINTON WATER DEPT. [mailto:clintonwater2@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Beck, Amy  
**Subject:** LETTER RE: INDUSTRIAL PARK LIFT STATION

Ms. Beck,

Attached is the letter that needed to be submitted by March 9th.

Donna

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Donna George

Clinton Water & Sewer Dept.

P.O. Box 277

Clinton, AR 72031

501-745-4320

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**CLINTON WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
P.O. BOX 277  
CLINTON, AR 72031  
TELEPHONE (501) 745-4320  
FAX (501) 745-2164

Jackie W. Hinchey, Manager

Richard McCormac, Mayor

March 3, 2020

Amy Beck, Field Inspector  
ADEQ  
5301 Northshore Dr.  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

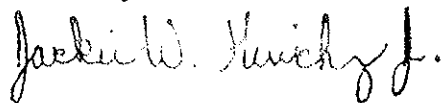
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Dear Ms. Beck:

The City of Clinton and Natural State Processing are in negotiations. If the negotiations fail; then Natural State Processing will move to another location. If they stay; then a pre-treatment facility for their waste will be implemented.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (501) 745-4320.

Sincerely,



Jackie W. Hinchey, Manager  
Clinton Water and Sewer Dept.





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Department of Environmental Quality

March 16, 2020

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City of Clinton  
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**RE: Industrial Park Lift Station - Response to Inspections (Van Buren Co)**  
**AFIN: 71-00018** **NPDES Permit No.: AR0048836**

Dear Mayor McCormac:

I have reviewed the response pertaining to the May 9, 2019 and December 16, 2019 inspections conducted by District 2 Inspector Skyler Schlick of the Industrial Park Lift Station. The information provided sufficiently addresses the violations referenced in the inspection reports. At this time, the Department has no further comment concerning these particular inspections. Acceptance of this response by the Department does not preclude any future enforcement action deemed necessary at this site or any other site.

If we need further information concerning this matter, we will contact you. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (479) 968-7339 ext. 16 or you may e-mail me at [beck@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:beck@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Beck".

Amy Beck  
District 5 Inspector  
Office of Water Quality