

May 26, 2022

Kevin A. Smith, Mayor City of Helena-West Helena P.O. Box 248 Helena-West Helena, AR 72342

Via email to: mayor@helena-westhelena.us; odonaby@hwhwater.com

RE: Helena WWTP Inspections (Phillips Co)

AFIN: 54-00083 NPDES Permit No.: AR0043389

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Dear Mayor Smith:

On March 22, 2022 I performed a Compliance Evaluation Inspection and an Industrial Stormwater (No-Exposure) Inspection of the above-referenced facility 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 each of the inspection reports 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 case has been referred directly to the Office of Water Quality - Enforcement Branch for further review. City of Helen-West Helena should immediately initiate all actions necessary to resolve and correct the violations cited in the inspection report. Written notification of the corrective actions taken for the violations must be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of this letter to the attention of Richard Healey, Office of Water Quality - Enforcement Branch Manager, at (501) 682-0640 or healeyr@adeq.state.ar.us. This written notification should include; but not limited to, photographs and/or copies of other documentation.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact Inspector Supervisor Kerri McCabe at mccabe@adeq.state.ar.us or (501) 352-5641.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Baggett Inspector, Office of Water Quality 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR, 72118



PERMIT

SAMPLING

OTHER:

RECORDS/REPORTS

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

OFFICE OF WATER QUALITY INSPECTION REPORT

AFIN: **54-00083** PERMIT #: **AR0043389** DATE: **3/22/2022**

COUNTY: **54 Phillips** PDS #: **120394** MEDIA: **WN**

STORMWATER

PRETREATMENT

FACILITY SITE REVIEW

SELF-MONITORING PROGRAM

GPS LAT: 34.49927 LONG: -90.636241 LOCATION: General Area

FACILITY INFORMATION	INSPECTION INFORMATION					
NAME: Helena WWTP LOCATION:	1 - Municipal INSPECTOR ID#: 142556 S - State					
Approx. 1.5 miles West of Hwy 20 on Hwy 44	1 - Unsatisfactor	ry	Comp	Compliance Evaluation		
Helena, AR 72342	(-)	RY TIME: EXIT 1 2:40 13:		PERMIT EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/19/2021		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL				PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE:		
NAME: / TITLE Kevin A. Smith / Mayor				2/28/2026		
COMPANY:	FAYETTEVILLE SHALE RELATED: N					
City of Helena-West Helena MAILING ADDRESS:	FAYETTEVILLE SHALE VIOLATIONS: N					
P.O. Box 248	INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS					
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Helena-West Helena AR 72342 PHONE & EXT. / FAX:	Oscar Donaby/o		whwate	er.com		
(870)753 8528 / EMAIL:						
mayor@helena-westhelena.us;						
odonaby@hwhwater.com						
CONTACTED DURING INSPECTION: No						
AREA EVALUATIONS (S=Satisfactory, M=Marginal, U=Unsatisfactory, N=Not Applicable/Evaluated)						

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATER

SLUDGE HANDLING/DISPOSAL

FLOW MEASUREMENT

LABORATORY

The following violations were noted during the inspection and require a response:

1) The following items violate Part III, Section B, 1, A of the permit:

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- The access road to the treatment facility is in need of repair.
- Sections of the lagoon levees were not safely accessible by vehicle at the time of inspection.
- There was inadequate freeboard in the lagoons at the time of the inspection.
- 2) The following items violate Part 1, Section A of the permit:
 - Only seven samples were taken in January 2021.
 - No samples were taken for the first three weeks of October 2021.

GENERAL COMMENTS

On Tuesday, March 22, 2022, an inspection was conducted with the above-mentioned inspection participants. The inspection consisted of a site assessment and a records review.

Site Assessment

The treatment system for Outfall 001 consists of a four-cell lagoon system.

The following issues were noted for the treatment system for Outfall 001:

- The access road to the lagoons was rutted and in need of repair at the time of inspection. The lagoons
 must be accessible by vehicle for inspection and maintenance at all times.
- Some sections of the levees were not accessible by vehicle. During the inspection, the operators
 indicated they were unsure if the access road and levees would be accessible or safely travelled by
 vehicle and were unable to comment on their stability.
- There is inadequate freeboard in the lagoons, particularly in Cell 3 and Cell 4. Levels in the lagoons have risen high enough for wave action to occur above the rip-rap stabilization along the levees (Photos 2; 8)

It should be noted that the previously-damaged levee separating Cells 2 and 4 has been repaired and is now functional (Photo 3).

Records Review

Records for January, May, July, and October of 2021 were requested and provided. Records were made available via email and are deemed organized and complete unless otherwise noted.

Only seven samples were taken in January of 2021, and no samples were taken during the first three weeks of October 2021. Part 1, Section A of the permit requires a minimum three/week sampling frequency. Additionally, no flow was reported for the first three weeks of October 2021.

Complete composite sample data were not provided on COC. There is no information regarding aliquot sampling intervals on the COC, and it cannot be demonstrated whether samples were collected proportional to flow or per the definition of "composite" in Part IV of the permit. The timeframes selected by the contract lab may not be representative of the nature and volume of the discharge.

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INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		aron Baggett	DATE: 4/22/2022
	Kerri MªCa	ly	
SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE:		Kerri McCabe	DATE: 5/26/2022

SECTION A: PERMIT VERIFICATION	
PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS	⊠S □M □U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE:	⊠y □n □na □ne
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES:	□Y □N ☑NA □NE
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED:	⊠y □n □na □ne
SECTION B: RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION	
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRS:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE: Missing aliquot information for composite samples.	□s □m ☑u □na □ne
a. DATES AND TIME(S) OF SAMPLING:	□y Øn □na □ne
b. EXACT LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
c. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING:	⊠y □n □na □ne
d. ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES:	⊠y □n □na □ne
e. RESULTS OF CALIBRATIONS:	⊠y □n □na □ne
f. RESULTS OF ANALYSES:	⊠y □n □na □ne
g. DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
h. NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES:	⊠y □n □na □ne
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE:	□s □m □u ☑na □ne
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:	□s □m □u □na ☑ne
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA:	⊠y □n □na □ne
SECTION C: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
1. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY OPERATED: <u>High levels in all lagoons.</u>	⊠s □m □u □na □ne
2. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY MAINTAINED:	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
3. STANDBY POWER OR OTHER EQUIVALENT PROVIDED:	□S □M □U □NA ☑NE
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE:	□S □M □U □NA ☑NE
5. ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE:	⊠s □m □u □na □ne
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED:	⊠s □m □u □na □ne
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED:	□S □M □U □NA ☑NE
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
9. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED:	□y □n □na ☑ne
10. PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONTROL ESTABLISHED:	□y □n □na ☑ne
11. HAVE BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS OCCURRED AT THE PLANT OR IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE LAST YEAR:	⊠y □n □na □ne
12. IF SO, HAS THE REGULATORY AGENCY BEEN NOTIFIED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
13. HAS CORRECTIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS:	☑Y ☐N ☐NA ☐NE
14. HAVE ANY HYDRAULIC OVERLOADS OCCURRED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT:	□y ☑n □na □ne
15. IF SO, DID PERMIT VIOLATIONS OCCUR AS A RESULT:	□y □n ☑na □ne

SECTION D: SAMPLING	
PERMITTEE SAMPLING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
1. SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	Øy □n □na □ne
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES:	ØY □N □NA □NE
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT: Information not available in sample data.	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	ØY □N □NA □NE
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	□Y ØN □NA □NE
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	□y Øn □na □ne
a. SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING:	ØY □N □NA □NE
b. PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED:	ØY □N □NA □NE
c. CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136:	ØY □N □NA □NE
7. IF MONITORING IS PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED ARE RESULTS REPORTED ON THE DMR:	□Y □N ☑NA □NE
SECTION E: FLOW MEASUREMENT	
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	□S □M □U □NA ☑NE
DETAILS: Not evaluated during inspection due to thunderstorm; primary measure	ement device is 4'
rectangular weir; secondary measurement device is Milltronics HydroRanger.	
1. PRIMARY FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED: TYPE OF DEVICE:	□y □n □na ☑ne
2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
5. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
6. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE:	□y □n □na ☑ne
7. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE:	□y □n □na ☑ne
8. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
9. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION:	□Y □N □NA ☑NE
SECTION F: LABORATORY	
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	☑S □M □U □NA □NE
DETAILS: City uses a contract lab for all samples.	
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(B) FOR SLUDGES):	ØY □N □NA □NE
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED:	□Y □N ☑NA □NE
3. SATISFACTORY CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT:	Øy □n □na □ne
4. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	ØY □N □NA □NE
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED ≥10% OF THE TIME:	ØY □N □NA □NE
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED ≥10% OF THE TIME:	ØY □N □NA □NE
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED:	ØY □N □NA □NE
a. LAB NAME:	
b. LAB ADDRESS:	
c. PARAMETERS PERFORMED:	
8. BIOMONITORING PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
a. PROPER ORGANISMS USED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
b. PROPER DILUTION SERIES FOLLOWED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
c. PROPER TEST METHODS AND DURATION:	⊠y □n □na □ne
d. RETESTS AND/OR TRE PERFORMED AS REQUIRED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE

SECTION G	SECTION G: EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATERS OBSERVATIONS										
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SECTION II. SULIDOE DISPOSAL											
SECTION H: SLUDGE DISPOSAL SLUDGE DISPOSAL MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ØS DM DU DNA DNE											
DETAILS: Sludge retained in lagoon. 1. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN EFFLUENT QUALITY: 1. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN EFFLUENT QUALITY: 1. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN EFFLUENT QUALITY: 1. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN EFFLUENT QUALITY:											
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SECTION I	SAMPLING IN	SPECTION PRO	CEDURES								
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DETAILS:	CEGGETO WITH	III CICIVIII IC	EGONTEMENT	<u> </u>							
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2. TYPE OF S	SAMPLE: GRAB:	□COMPOSITE: N	METHOD: FREQUE	NCY:							
	PRESERVED:		<u></u>			ПΥ	□N ☑NA □NE				
4. FLOW PRO	PORTIONED SAMPLE	S OBTAINED:					□N ☑NA □NE				
5. SAMPLE O	BTAINED FROM FACIL	LITY'S SAMPLING DE\	/ICE:				□n ☑na □ne				
6. SAMPLE R	EPRESENTATIVE OF	VOLUME AND NATUR	E OF DISCHARGE:			□Y	□n ☑na □ne				
7. SAMPLE S	PLIT WITH PERMITTEI	E:				□Y	□n Øna □ne				
8. CHAIN-OF-	CUSTODY PROCEDU	RES EMPLOYED:				□Y	□N ☑NA □NE				
9. SAMPLES	COLLECTED IN ACCO	RDANCE WITH PERM	IT:			□Y	□N ☑NA □NE				
SECTION J	: STORM WATI	ER POLLUTION	PREVENTION	PLAN							
STORM W	ATER MANAG	EMENT MEET	S PERMIT RE	QUIREMENTS	3	⊠S □M □	IU □NA □NE				
DETAILS:	Inspected unde	er IGP ARR00C4	136.								
1. SWPPP UF	PDATED AS NEEDED:_	_ DATE OF LAST UP	DATE:			□Y	□N ☑NA □NE				
2. SITE MAP	INCLUDING ALL DISCH	HARGES AND SURFA	CE WATERS:			□Y	□N ☑NA □NE				
3. POLLUTION PREVENTION TEAM IDENTIFIED:											
4. POLLUTION PREVENTION TEAM PROPERLY TRAINED:											
5. LIST OF POTENTIAL POLLUTANT SOURCES:											
6. LIST OF PO	6. LIST OF POTENTIAL SOURCES AND PAST SPILLS AND LEAKS:										
7. ALL NON-S	TORM WATER DISCH	ARGES ARE AUTHOR	IZED:				□N ☑NA □NE				
8. LIST OF ST	RUCTURAL BMPS:						□N ☑NA □NE				
9. LIST OF NO	ON-STRUCTURAL BMF	PS:					□N ☑NA □NE				
10. BMPS PRC	PERLY OPERATED A	ND MAINTAINED:					□N ☑NA □NE				
11. INSPECTIO	ONS CONDUCTED AS	REQUIRED:				□Y	□N ☑NA □NE				
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DMR Calculation Check

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Parameter Checked:

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Mass
Monthly
Mo. Avg. - Ibs/day

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7-day Avg. - mg/l

Reported Value: 778.6 54.5 64.0

Calculated Value: 779.6 54.5 64.0

Permit Value: 1276.0 90.0 135

If calculated value does not equal reported value, explain: Minor difference in values is due to rounding.

2021

From

Reporting Period:

DATE	CONCENTRATION (mg/l)	MGD	MASS(lbs/day)	7-DAY AVERAGE(mg/l)
2	36	1.797	539.53128	
6	50	1.857	774.369	42
9	40	1.693	564.7848	
12	54	1.89	851.1804	
13	46	1.6	613.824	55.33
16	66	2.105	1158.6762	
19	56	1.647	769.21488	
20	50	1.696	707.232	56.66
23	64	1.804	962.90304	
26	70	1.758	1026.3204	
27	70	1.545	901.971	64
30	52	1.118	484.85424	
MONTHLY AVG	54.5	1.7092	779.57177	

DMR Calculation Check

Reporting Period: From 2021 01 01 To 2021 01 31

Year Month Day Year Month Day

Parameter Checked: BOD5

Loading Concentration **Monthly** Mass Mo. Avg. - Ibs/day Mo. Avg. - mg/l 7-day Avg. - mg/l **Reported Value:** 230.5 16.9 22.7 **Calculated Value:** 228.78 16.94 22.65 **Permit Value:** 425.3 30.0 45.0

If calculated value does not equal reported value, explain:

Minor difference in values is due to rounding.

DATE	CONCENTRATION (mg/l)	MGD	MASS(lbs/day)	7-DAY AVERAGE(mg/l)
4	13.23	2.061	227.4070302	13.23
15	22.65	1.512	285.618312	22.65
18	17.34	1.473	213.0187788	
19	19.11	1.563	249.1068762	18.13
22	17.94	1.468	219.6415728	
25	13.68	1.606	183.2304672	
26	14.61	1.834	223.4681316	14.145
MONTHLY AVG	16.94	1.6453	228.7844527	



Photographer: Aaron Baggett Date: 3/22/2022 Time: 1250
Witness: Kerri McCabe Photo #: 2





Cocation: Helena WWTP

Photographer: Aaron Baggett Date: 3/22/2022 Time: 1251

Witness: Kerri McCabe Photo #: 3

Description: Levee between Cells 2 and 4 that was repaired in 2019; facing approximately northwest.



Photographer:Aaron BaggettDate:3/22/2022Time:1251Witness:Kerri McCabePhoto #:4

Description: Cell 2 overview; large ruts in levee in foreground; facing approximately north.



Office of Water Quality Photographic Evidence Sheet								
Location: Helena WWTP								
Photographer: Aaron Baggett Date: 3/22/2022 Time: 1251								
Witness: Kerri McCabe Photo #: 5						: 5		
Description:		evee along eastern boundary ortheast.	of Cell 2; rut in	levee in bottom	eft of photo; f	acing		



Photograph	ner: Aaron Baggett	Date:	3/22/2022	Time:	1255
Witness: Kerri McCabe				Photo #:	6

Description: Levee between Cells 3 and 4; facing northeast.



Cocation: Helena WWTP Photographer: Aaron Baggett Date: 3/22/2022 Time: 1255 Witness: Kerri McCabe Photo #: 7 Description: Levee between Cells 3 and 4; facing east.



Photographe	: Aaron Ba	aggett			Date:	3/22/2022	2	Time:	1256
Witness: Kerri McCabe					Photo #	: 8			
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Description: Western levee of Cell 3; facing northwest. Level in this cell is above the rip-rap along the levee.



Office of Water Quality Photographic Evidence Sheet							
Location: Helena WWTP							
Photographe	: Aaron Baggett	Date:	3/22/2022	Time:	1304		
Witness: Kerri McCabe Photo #: 9							
Description:	Description: Levee between Cells 1 and 2; facing west.						



Photographer:Aaron BaggettDate:3/22/2022Time:1304Witness:Kerri McCabePhoto #:10





Figure 1. Google Earth image depicting overview of the Helena WWTP and Outfall 001; satellite base imagery dated 11/11/2020.

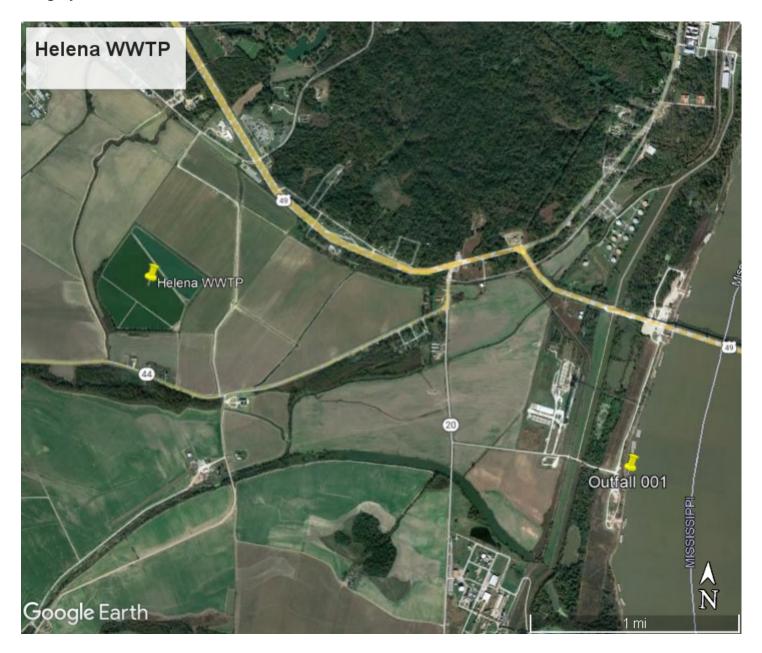


Figure 2. Google Earth image depicting components and simplified flow path of the Helena WWTP; satellite base imagery dated 11/11/2020.

