

July 18, 2014

Amy Schluterman NPDES Enforcement Section Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

RE:

Incident Report - Primary Clarifier By-Pass

NPDES Permit No. AR0001210

Dear Mrs. Schluterman:

This letter is being submitted as a follow-up to the initial notification, submitted by email on Monday July 14, 2014, pertaining to our WWTP primary clarifier being by-passed due to excessive fiber loss that occurred the night of Friday, July 11, 2014. Operational problems associated with our No. 3 Board Machine resulted in fiber overflowing to the sewer for a number of hours. The primary clarifier was by-passed Friday evening, July 11, at 11:40 pm and was put back into service on Saturday, July 12, at 6:00 pm. The purpose for taking the primary clarifier off-line was a precautionary measure to protect the mechanical integrity of the unit.

The fiber will settle out in the ash settling basin (in lieu of the primary clarifier). We do not anticipate that this by-pass will impact the treatment efficiency across the wastewater treatment system. The cause and effect of excessive fiber loss has been reviewed with the paper machine operators to reduce the risk of a reoccurrence.

In a related matter, the clarifier upgrades which were originally scheduled for this week as described in a notification submitted to the agency on June 27, 2014 have been tentatively rescheduled for the week of August 11, 2014 due to nesting migratory birds on the unit. We expect this upgrade project will improve the clarifier's reliability and ability to avoid future bypass events.

If you have any questions, or would like more information please do not hesitate to call me at 870-567-8170.

Sincerely,

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