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March 13, 2023

Mr. Thomas Harrington, Enforcement Analyst Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

RE: Progress Report #6 NPDES Permit # AR0021717, AFIN 45-00021 City of Flippin, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Harrington:

In accordance with the approved CAP for the above-referenced permit number, this letter is being submitted as "Progress Report #6" on behalf of the City of Flippin. The proposed wastewater treatment facility improvements project has been under construction since the first quarter of 2022. The original contract completion date was October 6, 2022. However, due to delivery delays associated with certain pieces of equipment needed to complete the improvements, the contract completion date has been moved to May 31, 2023. A revised milestone schedule was previously submitted to your agency.

CEA has completed the design of the proposed collection system rehabilitation and received ADH approval of the plans and specifications for this work. Easement acquisition for the proposed improvements should be completed this week. Upon submission of the certification of easement acquisition, USDA-RD will request approval from OGC to move forward with the passage of the bond issue to fund the project. Upon passage of the bond ordinance, CEA should be able to advertise for bids.

During the months of November 2022 through January 2023, the facility reported twenty-eight (28) effluent violations. These violations were associated with ammonia, BOD, TSS, and Fecal. Until all of the improvements are completed, and the new treatment facility placed into service, the facility is going to struggle to maintain compliance with its NPDES permit.

Please review this information and advise me of any additional information that might be necessary to accept it as "Progress Report #6".

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you should have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to call me at (870) 273-4185, or email me at jselig@ce-associates.biz. Please send any written correspondence concerning this matter to our office in Jonesboro at the listed address.

Sincerely,

CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES

John S. Selig, P.E. Member

copy: Mr. J.L. Wagoner, Director of Public Works, City of Flippin