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Subject: Flippin WWTF Improvements (AR0021717)

Ms. Harbin,

On behalf of the City of Flippin, I offer the following information as an update on the status of the WWTF improvements project to bring the facility back into compliance with its NPDES discharge permit:

The City of Flipping had applied for funding assistance to make improvements to both its wastewater collection system and its wastewater treatment facility back in the last quarter of 2019. A letter was received from ANRC on November 28, 2019, stating that they were authorizing funding for the wastewater treatment facility improvements needed to bring the facility back into compliance with its NPDES discharge permit through its SRF Program. The official Memorandum of Agreement for the funding was signed in January 2020. At that point, CEA started working on the facility plan and environmental information document required as part of the SRF Program. Both of these reports were submitted in April 2020. At that point, CEA started working on the treatment facility improvement construction drawings and specifications. These were both submitted to the appropriate review agencies in November 2020. The construction permit and permit renewal/modification applications were considered complete by your agency in December 2020. A conditional approval of the plans and specifications was received from the ANRC in January 2021. The approval of the plans and specifications was received from the Arkansas Department of Health in March 2021. At this time, we are simply waiting for the issuance of the construction permit and renewal/modification permit from your agency so that we can move forward with the advertisement for bids on the proposed improvements project.

Once we receive the necessary documentation from your agency, we will get final approval from ANRC to move forward with the advertisement for bids. Once construction actually starts, we anticipate that it will take approximately 270-days to complete the construction. After the completion of construction, we anticipate that it will take approximately 2-months to bring the facility back into compliance with its NPDES discharge permit.

As for the rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system, the City has received funding from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission through its CDBG Program and the USDA-Rural Development to cover the costs associated with the improvements. CEA has had a surveyor working for the past five (5) months trying to gather all of the necessary data needed to design the proposed improvements. CEA will continue to work on the plans and specifications for the proposed rehabilitative work as diligently as possible to get everything compiled and submitted to the ADH for review and approval.

Please accept this information as a status update concerning the improvements to the proposed facility. If there is anything that can be done to help speed the review process up with your agency, please let me know. I assure you that no one wants the improvements completed any worse than Mr. Wagoner and his employees. They are completely aware of the issues with their facility and are doing the best that they can with what they have.

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.

John S. Selig, P.E.
Member/Principal

