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Ms. Gina Porter
Water Division, Enforcement Branch
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5301 Northshore Drive
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Re: AR000021776 AFIN 31-00036
Consent Administrative Order

Dear Ms. Porter:


The City has reviewed the order and agreed with the findings for the period of time from May 1, 2011 to May 30, 2014. As you are aware, the City applied for and received a construction permit for additional facilities at the plant related to the violations. These facilities which total \$5,523,000 are under construction. The length of time to obtain funding, complete design, and construct the improvements has taken over three years. During this time, the City has continued to operate and maintain the existing overloaded facilities. In addition to the construction of the new facilities, a new permit with more stringent parameters went into effective July 1, 2014. The existing facilities were not designed or capable of meeting these new parameters.

As related to the expense of operation, maintenance, and debt payment for the new facilities, the City raised sewer rates and obtained loans for construction. The City has budgeted the additional utilities and chemicals necessary for the new improvements. The City is requesting ADEQ review the amount of the fine being proposed to allow for half of the funds to be used to pay toward the improvements and maintenance. The City continues to strive to constantly make improvements to its system. The work being completed for the new facilities is a large step toward these goals.

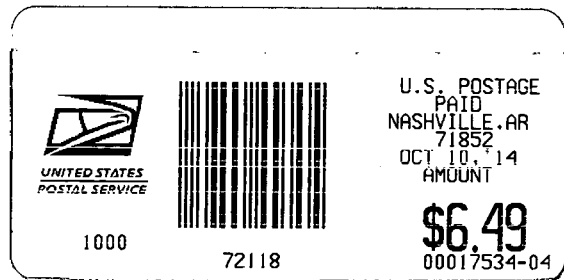
It was noted, ADEQ allows for a portion of the fine to be used toward environmentally approved projects. The City has been involved with Howard County on the demolition of the existing old County hospital which contains a large amount of asbestos. The County has secured a third of the funding to complete the project and is applying for an EPA grant for another third of the amount. The City requests that twenty five percent of any fine be applied to this project.

We appreciate your review of this matter and the service ADEQ provides to the City. If I can be of any immediate help, please call.

Sincerely,


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