

January 26, 2012

Jim Shempert City of Marion P.O. Box 804 Marion, AR 72364

RE: NPDES Permit No.: AR0021971, AFIN: 18-00110, Response to Inspection

Dear Mr. Shempert:

The Department has reviewed the response pertaining to the November 30, 2011 inspection of the City of Marion's wastewater treatment facility by District Field Inspector Brent Walker. The information provided sufficiently addresses the violations referenced in the inspection report. However, the Department has the following comments:

- Please take all necessary measures to maintain adequate freeboard in the treatment pond system.
- Please remove the excessive vegetation from the treatment pond levees no later than February 14, 2012, and inform the Department in writing that compliance has been achieved no later than February 21, 2012.

The Department will keep the inspection and response on file. If future violations occur that require enforcement action, the Department will consider the inspection and response as required by the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation No. 7, Civil Penalties. This regulation requires the Department to consider the past history of your facility and how expeditiously the violations were addressed in determining any civil penalty that may be necessary for any future violations.

If we need further information concerning this matter, we will contact you. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0635 or you may e-mail me at anderson@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

Alan Anderson

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