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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, Ar. 72118-5317

Attn: Baily Taylor - Enforcement Analyst

Re: City of Marion

NPDES Permit No. AR0021971

AFIN 18 - 00110

Dear Baily,

Marion has again experienced a permit violation for the month of August 2018. After looking back at past violations I have found we were in violation last year in August. We attributed that violation to excessive rainfall and abnormally cooler temperatures for August. This year however we have not experienced such conditions. Our BOD levels dropped from 80 to 17 in the last week of August. I have consulted with our engineer Jerome Alford and we are going to investigate a cause for these violations, as for now we have no real explanation for this. We will report back to you when one is discovered.

Our original plan was to hold our discharge for the month of August but our flow would not allow this.

Jim Shempert

Water Utilities Manager