



Marco McClendon
Mayor

December 20, 2023

Ms. Stacie Wassell
Associate Director
Office of Water Quality
Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

RE: CITY OF WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS
WEST MEMPHIS UTILITIES COMMISSION
PERMIT NO. AR0022039; AFIN 18-00879

Dear Ms. Wassell:

As you are aware, the City of West Memphis has been under the above-referenced Consent Administrative Order since March 5, 2020. This Order required The City of West Memphis to complete all previously approved Corrective Action Plan improvements by December 31, 2023. While the City has diligently worked towards the completion of those improvements outlined in this Plan, it is clear that by the previously agreed upon completion date, we will not have all these improvements completed, despite our constant efforts in working towards this goal since 2018.

The capstone of this plan is the expansion of our wastewater treatment facility from 6.3 MGD to 12 MGD. The City began detailed design on this expansion in mid-2020, with final plans approved by ADEQ and ADH in December 2022. Once approval was secured and the City secured financing for this large project, bids were solicited. On August 11, 2023, the City entered a construction contract totaling \$43,123,000 with Max Foote Construction Company to perform the necessary expansion. While work to complete this expansion is now underway, the construction is expected to take up to 28 months to complete, partly due to its size but also due to the global supply chain delays that are plaguing the construction industry.

On behalf of the City of West Memphis, I request that the above-referenced Order be amended to reflect a compliance date no sooner than June 30, 2026, to allow for the completion and start-up of this project. We hope that the Division of Environmental Quality understands and appreciates our efforts to date and to comply with this Order in the future.

You may have questions concerning our request for additional time. As such, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marco M. McClendon".

CITY OF WEST MEMPHIS
Marco M. McClendon, Mayor

Cc: Ward Wimbish, General Manager