

January 31, 2014

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Miles Johnson
Water Division Enforcement Branch
5301 Northshore Dr.
North Little Rock, AR, 72118

Miles,

I am writing to give you the annual update on progress made by the City of Blytheville to achieve compliance under their CAO (08-094).

In accordance with the Milestone Schedule, Blytheville spent \$260,173.50 on improving the City's sanitary sewer system. The amount planned for on the Milestone Schedule was \$300,000. Although this year's spending is below the planned amount, the total cumulative amount spent to date is still ahead of the total amount planned for the 5-Year Milestone Schedule. At least \$1.34M has been spent on improvements to the sanitary sewer system to date, compared to \$1.2M planned. This report will detail the expenditures in 2013.

The largest project taken on by the City was installation of stand-by power for their South Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The total cost for this project was \$185,611, including \$166,711 for construction costs and \$18,900 for engineering services. Construction for stand-by power at the West WWTP began on October 1st 2013. The expected completion date is March 29th, 2014.

The City has also continued rehabilitating existing pump stations. In 2013, the City spent \$73,092.91 on pump rehabilitation work. This work includes new pumps at the County Rd. Lift Station and Jack Rhodes Lift Station. Additionally, the City spent \$1,469.59 for lab equipment upgrades.

The City intends to spend \$300,000 on improvements in accordance with the Milestone Schedule for 2014. The City intends to perform sewer and drainage line rehabilitation to help address infiltration and inflow issues. The City also plans to renovate 2 more pump stations in 2014.


Additionally, the United States Corps of Engineers has awarded a project to dredge Ditch #27 (the drainage ditch flowing around the West WWTP) and other nearby ditches. This dredging project will help alleviate drainage problems in the area, which will greatly assist the City with decreasing infiltration and inflow into the collection system. This ditch handles a large portion of the City's stormwater. Work is expected to begin on this project in the spring/summer of 2014.

A large portion of the CAO addressed problems with the City's housekeeping practices as well as lab and testing procedures. These problems have since been corrected. Please coordinate with the ADEQ

inspector to confirm progress made in these areas. The CAO also addressed improper lagoon maintenance. The City of Blytheville is still in discussions with ADEQ over a Lagoon Closing Plan submitted last year. The City hopes to resolve the lagoon closure in 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns about the progress made in 2013 or the work scheduled for 2014, please give me a call at (901) 683-3900 or email me at dbowling@ssr-inc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Bowling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "g".

Daniel Bowling, PE

cc: Marilyn Stout (ADEQ)
Mayor James Sanders (City of Blytheville)
Kenneth Ellis (City of Blytheville)