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RE: City of Blytheville – SSRP Update NPDES Permit No. AR0022578 Consent Administrative Order LIS 20-166

Mr. Lawrence:

This letter is intended to serve as an update to the Blytheville wastewater collection system rehabilitation plan status.

PMI along with a subconsultant, Horner & Shifrin, has presented a plan to the Blytheville Utility Commission on steps to begin developing a program for sanitary sewer rehab projects. Our plan is to begin inspection of two subbasins in Blytheville that represent the worst case in terms of aging infrastructure and related I&I issues. Using the data obtained from the inspections, the project team will project system wide rehabilitation cost. City staff will develop a program and submit to DEQ a long-term sanitary sewer rehabilitation program. The goal of the program will be to perform yearly inspections and repairs of areas that meet within the City's budget. Prioritization will be given to areas that will reduce occurrence of SSOs.

Schedule will include authorization to proceed with inspection of the subbasins mentioned following the June commission meeting and work will commence thereafter. A full program will be submitted to DEQ by end of 2021 detailing the long-term program.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at 501-221-7122 or <u>bwingfield@pmico.com</u>.

Sincerely, **PMI**

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