

September 28, 2022

Tiana Toups Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement Branch 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

RE: City of Blytheville – October 2022 Progress Report NPDES Permit No. AR0022578 & AR0022560 & AR0022586 Consent Administrative Order LIS 20-166 & CAO LIS 21-175-001

Ms. Toups:

This letter is intended to serve as an update to the Blytheville wastewater collection system rehabilitation plan status and wastewater treatment facility construction progress.

Collection system rehabilitation will begin on October 3, 2022. The city has contracted the cleaning, inpection, and repair of the McHaney subbasin and is the process of preparing a long-term plan for rehabilitation and funding. Recently a rate increase was discussed at the utility commission meeting which will be used for various projects such as yearly collection system rehabilitation.

Construction of the wastewater plant is nearly complete with commissioning of equipment in the early stages. Dry startup procedures have begun with wet startup to being in October. Following completion of the new SBR facility, work will commence to convert the existing biolac treatment plants to first step settling and equalization basins.

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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