

December 15, 2021

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RE: City of Blytheville – Third Quarter Progress Report 2021 NPDES Permit No. AR0022578 & AR0022560 Consent Administrative Order LIS 20-166

Ms. Harbin:

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

PMI along with a subconsultant, Horner & Shifrin, has completed smoke testing of the entire Blytheville collection system and we are currently performing detailed inspection of the McHaney subbasin and as of December 14, 2021, we have 40 manholes left to inspect. After completing the manholes, inspection of the collection system lines will begin. Using the data from McHaney, our team will project cost throughout the collection system and prioritize rehabilitation work that will begin in 2022. A collection system rehabilitation program will be submitted to DEQ upon completion of the McHaney inspection.

Construction continues at the wastewater treatment facility with concrete work ongoing and most equipment delivered and stored onsite. Equipment installation and yard piping will begin once concrete work is completed with most walls nearing design height and detailed concrete structure work ongoing. Current schedule (weather dependent) from the contractor is for plant construction to be completed in mid-summer 2022. 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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