

March 21, 2016

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Honorable James Sanders Mayor, City of Blytheville, WWWTF P.O. Box 1784 Blytheville, AR 72316

RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0022560, AFIN 47-00544 PROPOSED CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Dear Mayor Sanders:

On November 6, 2015, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality – Water Division (ADEQ) issued a proposed Consent Administrative Order (CAO) to the City of Blytheville with an assessed civil penalty of \$6,400.00. On January 11, 2016, the City of Blytheville requested the assessed civil penalty be reduced to \$3,200.00. After careful consideration, ADEQ is willing to approve this request.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised CAO in this matter. If you choose to accept the terms of the CAO, with the reduced penalty of \$3,200.00, please sign, date, and <u>return the original, embossed copy</u> to the address below no later than **April 21, 2016**. A City Council Resolution that approves the CAO and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the CAO on behalf of the City of Blytheville must also be submitted. Subsequently, the Director of ADEQ will sign the CAO and you will be provided a copy, including information on the public notice process and the effective date of the CAO.

Failure to contact the ADEQ Water Division Enforcement Branch in response to this CAO by **April 21, 2016**, will constitute rejection of the settlement offer and unilateral enforcement action may proceed through a Notice of Violation (NOV). Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at (501) 682-0632, or you may e-mail trotta@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely.

Jacqueline Trotta, Enforcement Analyst
Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch