



A R K A N S A S  
Department of Environmental Quality

July 21, 2011

City of Blytheville, WWTP  
Attention: Honorable James Sanders  
P.O. Box 1784  
Blytheville, AR 72315

RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0022560, AR0022586, AR0022578,  
WWTFs Inspection Responses

Dear Mayor Sanders:

**AR0022560 – West Plant, Compliance Inspection Response**

The Department has received your response to the May 23, 25, and 26, 2011 compliance inspection of your WWTP by our District Field Inspectors, Brent L. Walker and Michael Greenway. Your response has been deemed deficient for the following reasons:

1. Response #1, did not address when calibration of the equipment was conducted. Please submit documentation confirming calibration dates. It may take several years to complete the corrections to Blytheville's I&I issues, so it may be necessary to update the equipment in order to monitor flow during large rain events.
2. Response #2 (C) needs a deadline, a specific date, when the polishing pond curtain will be replaced. Has a new one been ordered? Please send a report when the new curtain has been installed, and a photograph as evidence that the work has been completed.
3. Response #6 needs a timeline with specific dates when the lagoons will be evaluated, when the closure procedure will begin and when maintenance of the remaining lagoons will be completed. When maintenance has been completed on the remaining lagoons, please send photographs reflecting the corrections.

**AR0022560 – West Plant, Pretreatment Compliance Inspection Response**

The Department has received your response to the May 26, 2011 pretreatment compliance inspection of your WWTF by our District Field Inspectors, Brent L. Walker and Michael Greenway. Your response has been deemed deficient for the following reasons:

1. Response #1, submit an updated IUS.

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2. Response #3 did not address the reason why the other parameters required by the permit were not sampled.
3. Response #4 the proof of publication needs to be submitted with this response.

#### **AR0022586 – North Plant, Compliance Inspection Response**

The Department has received your response to the May 25, 2011 compliance inspection of your WWTF by our District Field Inspectors, Brent L. Walker and Michael Greenway. Your response has been deemed deficient for the following reasons:

- Response #4 needs a timeline with specific dates when the lagoons will be evaluated, when the closure procedure will begin and when maintenance of the remaining lagoons will be completed. When maintenance has been completed on the remaining lagoons, please send photographs reflecting the corrections.

#### **AR0022586 – North Plant, SSO Inspection Response**

The Department has received your response to the May 25, 2011 SSO inspections by our District Field Inspectors, Brent L. Walker and Michael Greenway. Your response has been deemed deficient for the following reasons:

- Response #2 needs a timeline with specific dates when the Lockard Street pump station will be upgraded. Please, submit an update report when the project has been completed.

#### **AR0022578 – South Plant, Compliance Inspection Response**

The Department has received your response to the May 23, 25, and 26, 2011 compliance inspection of your WWTP by our District Field Inspectors, Brent L. Walker and Michael Greenway. Your response has been deemed deficient for the following reasons:

1. Response #2, did not address when calibration of the equipment was conducted.
2. Response #6 needs a timeline with specific dates when the lagoons will be evaluated, when the closure procedure will begin and when maintenance of the remaining lagoons will be completed. When maintenance has been completed on the remaining lagoons, please send photographs reflecting the corrections.

ADEQ Staff has scheduled a meeting with the City of Blytheville to begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 9, 2011. ADEQ's office location is 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

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Please bring a sufficient response to the inspections, a copy of the City of Blytheville's CAO (LIS 08-094), and the documents requested in said Oder.

A copy of the inspection reports and the inadequate responses are included with this letter for your review. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, call 501-682-0631 or e-mail [meints@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:meints@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,



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