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ADEQ
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Re: Progress Report for Copper & Mercury
NPDES Permit No: AR0022560
AFIN: 47-00544

Dear ADEQ,

I am submitting an annual progress report for copper and mercury discharges from our West Treatment Plant.

Copper Progress Report: The copper analysis performed for the previous 12 months has not exceeded the proposed final permit limits at this treatment plant. The highest level detected was 16.5 ug/L during October 2011. We also detected a 13.0 ug/L in June 2012.

It seems there are very little fluctuations in the copper concentrations at this plant. We will be performing more copper sampling in certain areas of the City to determine if most of the copper is coming from residential or commercial areas. The only permitted I.U. was Advance Industries (Industrial laundry) and they have closed their business.

If you need more information or have questions on the copper report, please let me know.

Mercury Progress Report: Mercury sampling has been conducted at certain locations in the City, specifically the Hospital, Doctors and Dentist offices. It has been determined that 2 of the City's Dentist offices do not have an Amalgam Separator installed to eliminate mercury discharges.

These offices have been notified of this problem and requirements to eliminate mercury discharges. Guidance information has been sent to these 2 offices for Best Management Practices for mercury discharges to the environment. Follow up inspections will be performed to insure progress is being made at these locations.

If you need more information or have questions on the mercury report, please call me at (870) 763-4961.

Sincerely,

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