



September 15, 2014

Ms. Jacqueline Trotta
Enforcement Analyst, Water Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Re: Blytheville Wastewater Notice of Violation and Corrective Action Plan

Ms. Trotta,

The City of Blytheville (City) is in receipt of a Notice of Violation (NOV) letter from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) dated August 14, 2014. The letter outlines eleven effluent violations at the City's West Treatment Facility and requests a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) from the City to address these violations. The stipulated deadline for the CAP was August 19, 2014, which was later amended to September 19, 2014.

The City has retained Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. (SSR) to evaluate the West Treatment Facility and to assist the City in preparing the CAP for submission to ADEQ to achieve compliance with the terms of NPDES permit AR0022560. SSR conducted a site visit on September 8, 2014 to obtain plant records and observe plant operations. SSR is currently reviewing the existing plant design, site visit data, and compiling monthly operational reports (MORs) and additional plant operational data, including discharge monitoring reports, in order to fully understand the issues that may need to be addressed in the CAP.

Our plan is to complete our evaluation of the West Treatment Facility and provide the City with options to correct the issues causing the violations noted in the ADEQ NOV letter. We understand the urgency associated with bringing this facility into compliance with the NPDES permit. In order to complete a thorough evaluation of the facility and to bring effective solutions to address the violations back to the City for submission to ADEQ, on behalf of the City, we request a 60 day extension for the CAP submittal.

Thank You and Respectfully,,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry A. Caldwell'.

Jerry A. Caldwell, P.E.
Sr. Project Manager
SMITH SECKMAN REID, INC.