



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

May 21, 2019

Monty Ledbetter, Utilities Director  
City of Hot Springs WWTP  
780 Adams Street  
Hot Springs, AR 71901

**RE: NPDES Permit Number: AR0033880, AFIN: 26-00145**  
**Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Lab Error**

Dear Mr. Ledbetter:

The Department has conducted a review of the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests performed by American Interplex Corporation from September 2016 to January 2019. The review revealed that the chronic WET test for *Ceriodaphnia dubia* conducted for Outfall 001 during November 2018, as required by NPDES Permit No. AR0033880 (Permit) deviated from the maximum test duration specified in EPA-821-R-02-013. This test has been deemed invalid.

Please correct the TX1-Q Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) for December 31, 2018 to reflect "NODI M – Laboratory Error" and attach this letter as your non-compliance report. This correction should be made by June 1, 2019.

Reporting Laboratory Error on your DMR is a violation of Part I, Section A of your Permit. The Department has elected not to take formal enforcement action for this violation of your Permit.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Leslie Allen-Daniel at 501-682-0630, or by e-mail at [allen-daniel@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:allen-daniel@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,

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