

March 24, 2016 CERTIFIED MAIL: 91 7199 9991 7035 3550 9979

Honorable Jill Dabbs Mayor, City of Bryant-WWTF 210 SW 3rd Street Bryant, AR 72022

RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0034002, AFIN 63-0005

PROPOSED CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Dear Mayor Dabbs:

On November 6, 2015, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality - Water Division (ADEQ) issued a proposed Consent Administrative Order (CAO) to the City of Bryant (the City) with an assessed civil penalty of \$6,000.00 to address numerous sanitary sewer overflows violations. On November 28, 2015, the City and ADEQ met to discuss the proposed CAO. On January 8, 2016, the City requested that the CAO be withdrawn and that the assessed civil penalty be reduced to \$4,500.00. After careful consideration, ADEQ is unable to grant the City's request to withdraw the proposed CAO, but is willing to accept the City's penalty reduction settlement request.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised CAO which will settle the SSO violations in this matter. If you choose to accept the terms of the CAO, with the reduced penalty of \$4,500.00, please sign, date, and return the original, embossed copy to the address below within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this letter. 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 Bryant 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 within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this letter 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, or schedule a meeting, 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