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Department of Environmental Quality

March 13, 2012

Monty Ledbetter
Bryant Water Utilities
1019 SW 2nd St.
Bryant, AR 72022

RE: AFIN: 63-00065 Permit No.: AR0034002

Dear Mr. Ledbetter:

The Department received your letters in regard to a release from the sludge storage lagoon that included wastewater from the equalization basin. Based on the information provided; the permit does not allow for wastewater from the sludge storage lagoon to be blended with the effluent discharge. This is an unauthorized bypass of the primary and secondary treatment processes of the treatment plant.

The following violations were found in response to the release of wastewater from the sludge storage lagoon and equalization basin.

1. Part III (B)(1) Proper Operation and Maintenance (referenced title)

The Department has determined that if proper operation and maintenance had been implemented; the permittee could have prevented the unauthorized bypass. Improper operation and maintenance transpired due to the permittee's delinquency to maintain levels of wastewater in the sludge storage lagoon and equalization basin.

2. Part III (B)(4)(C)(1)(b) Unauthorized Bypass (referenced title)

The Department has not approved any plans to allow wastewater from the sludge storage lagoon to bypass primary and secondary treatment processes. The wastewater from the sludge storage lagoon should have been returned to the head works of the plant to be treated.

Please submit plans to the Department pertaining to the decommissioning of the outfall in the sludge storage lagoon to prevent future unauthorized bypasses. The plan should be submitted to the Water Division Permits Branch within thirty (30) days of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0823 or you may e-mail me at suel@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. W. Suel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "K." and last name "Suel" clearly distinguishable.

Kevin Suel
Enforcement Analyst
Water Division Enforcement Section