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Honorable Frank Bigger
City of Pocahontas
P.O. Box 896
Pocahontas, AR 72455

Re: NPDES Permit No.: AR0034835, AFIN: 61-00055, Failure to Respond

Dear Mayor Bigger:

Two letters dated February 25, 2011 were sent to the City of Pocahontas. The letters outlined the findings of a January 18, 2011 investigation alleging that raw sewage had overflowed from a manhole, and a January 19, 2011 inspection of the city's wastewater collection system.

Both letters requested that a written response be submitted to the Department by March 7, 2011. To date, no response has been received at the Department. Please submit a response by August 22, 2011. Copies of the inspection reports have been included for your convenience.

Please be advised that the findings of the above referenced inspections are of an extremely serious nature and have prompted the Department to consider enforcement action in the form of a Consent Administrative Order which would include a civil penalty.

Once submitted, the response will be reviewed in order to determine if the Department will proceed with the enforcement action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0635 or you may e-mail me at anderson@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Alan Anderson
Enforcement Analyst
Water Division Enforcement Branch