



May 13, 2021

EMAIL

Mrs. Sarah Pierce, Enforcement Analyst
Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Re: Mena Water Utilities
NPDES Permit Number: AR0036692, AFIN-57-00423, CAO LIS 18-046
Notification of Permit Exceedance

Dear Mrs. Pierce:

This letter is intended to provide notification of a permit exceedance that was recorded at the City of Mena's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) during the month of April 2021. The Permit exceedance and its associated sampling date is provided below.

Sampling Date
April 28, 2021

Constituent Out of Compliance
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

The cause of the recorded DO exceedance is expected to be a result of algal respiration within the lagoons. As referenced in the City's Effluent Limits Compliance Quarterly Progress Report No. 6 submitted to the Division of Environmental Quality on April 15, 2021, the City is continuing to make progress toward constructing a new activated sludge wastewater treatment facility. This new facility is expected to provide more operational flexibility and be less susceptible to the permit excursions occurring at the City's existing facility. Construction of the new WWTP is scheduled to be complete by November 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAWKINS-WEIR ENGINEERS, INC.


Adrian J. Kaufman, P.E.

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cc: Mr. Charles Pitman, Mena Water Utilities General Manager
Mr. Mike Spencer, Mena Water Utilities Wastewater Superintendent