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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

August 3, 2022

Honorable Seth Smith
Mayor, City of Mena
520 Mena St.
Mena, AR 71953

EMAIL: mayor@cityofmena.org

RE: **COMPLIANCE ADVISORY**
Compliance Tips for Small Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Systems
NPDES Permit Number: AR0036692, AFIN: 57-00423

Dear Mayor Smith:

In June 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Compliance Advisory titled “**Compliance Tips for Small Wastewater Treatment Lagoons with Clean Water Act Discharge Permits**” for owners and operators of small wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs). It includes information to help WWTPs meet the effluent limits in their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

The Compliance Advisory discusses common causes of effluent violations and recommended solutions. It also includes compliance and financial aid resources to assist small publicly and privately owned lagoon wastewater treatment plant permittees and operators in complying with their NPDES permit.

The Compliance Advisory can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-03/lagoon-complianceadvisory.pdf>. For your convenience, a copy of the Advisory is included with this letter.

If you have any questions about your facility’s status, please contact Jill Gray, Enforcement Analyst at 501-682-0800, or me at 501-682-0640 or at healey@adeq.state.ar.us.

Best Regards,

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