



October 15, 2020

EMAIL

Ms. Danielle Harbin, Enforcement Analyst
Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Re: NPDES Permit Number: AR0036692, AFIN: 57-00423, CAO LIS 18-046-001
Progress Report No. 4 – Effluent Limits Compliance

Dear Ms. Harbin:

The City of Mena, AR has agreed to provide quarterly progress reports detailing the progress made towards final compliance with their effluent requirements, per the Order and Agreement Section of CAO LIS 18-046-001. We offer the following update as Progress Report No. 4:

- In an effort to achieve final effluent limitations for TRC, the City began a pilot study of peracetic acid (PAA) on July 30, 2020 and discontinued the use of chlorine for disinfection at their WWTP.
- The City submitted a final progress report to certify that final effluent limitations for P. promelas and C. dubia sub-lethal WET and TRC were achieved by September 1, 2020.
- Hawkins-Weir Engineers completed the Site Selection Study referenced in Progress Report No. 3 and the City selected a site for their new WWTP in July 2020. The City is currently in the process of finalizing the acquisition of the selected property.
- Hawkins-Weir Engineers has continued to make progress in developing a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Assessment to be submitted to the USDA Rural Utility Service and the Arkansas Natural Resources Division for project funding. These documents are scheduled to be submitted to the funding agencies in December 2020.
- The preliminary design phase of the WWTP project commenced in October 2020. Hawkins-Weir Engineers is currently performing field surveys of the new WWTP site and access drive.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAWKINS-WEIR ENGINEERS, INC.


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