



May 11, 2023

EMAIL

Mrs. Kristen Graham, Compliance 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. Graham:

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 2023. The permit exceedance and its associated sampling date is provided below.

Sampling Date  
April 19, 2023

Constituents Out of Compliance  
pH

The cause of the recorded pH exceedance is unknown. However, the City indicated that the exceedance may have resulted from higher than normal Alum concentrations. Laboratory results related to this exceedance will be provided by the City separate from this notification.

As referenced in the City's Effluent Limits Compliance Quarterly Progress Report No. 14 submitted to the DEQ on April 6, 2023, the City is continuing to make progress toward constructing a new 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAWKINS-WEIR ENGINEERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wes LeMonier'.

Wes LeMonier, P.E.

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cc: Mr. James Looney, Mena Water Utilities General Manager  
Mr. Mike Spencer, Mena Water Utilities Wastewater Superintendent