

# NON-COMPLIANCE REPORT

Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment  
Division of Environmental Quality  
Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Section  
5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118

RE: Permit No: AR0036692 Discharge Number: Outfall 001  
Facility: City of Mena - Mena Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Address: 323 Polk 53  
City: Mena State: Arkansas Zip: 71953  
Contact: James Looney, General Manager, Mena Water Utilities Phone: (479) 394-2761

Date of Non-Compliance	Parameter Exceeded	Quantity or Loading	Quality or Concentration	Permit Limits
7/19/2023	Dissolved Oxygen	-	7.09 mg/l	7.1 mg/l (min.)
7/20/2023	Dissolved Oxygen	-	7.06 mg/l	7.1 mg/l (min.)
7/20/2023	Total Suspended Solids	-	36.0 mg/l	22.5 mg/l

### We feel this problem was due to:

The cause of the recorded DO and TSS exceedances are unknown. However, the DO exceedances may have been caused by algal respiration and/or oxygen demand from excess sludge accumulations within the lagoons. The TSS exceedance is suspected to be caused by excessive rainfall resulting in an accumulation of solids near the lagoon effluent structure that ultimately entered the effluent. All effluent was filtered prior to discharge, but it is suspected that the abnormally high solids loading rate associated with this accumulation limited the effectiveness of the filtration system.

### We plan on correcting the problem in this manner:

The City is continuing to make progress toward constructing a new wastewater treatment facility, which is expected to provide more operational flexibility and be less susceptible to permit excursions occurring at the existing facility.

### Time estimated that it will take to correct problem:

All resolutions will be completed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Submitted By:

8/4/2023  
Date

Submitted electronically via NetDMR

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