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June 16, 2022

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 May 2022. The permit exceedance and its associated sampling date is provided below.

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Constituents Out of Compliance</u>
May 26, 2022	pH

The cause of the recorded pH exceedance is unknown. However, the City indicated that the exceedance may have resulted from a higher than normal Alum dosing in their filters. 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. 10 submitted to the DEQ on April 5, 2022, 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. An updated milestone schedule for the final design and construction of the proposed treatment facility will be developed once project funding is secured.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Mike Spencer, Mena Water Utilities Wastewater Superintendent

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