



December 10, 2021

EMAIL

Ms. 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 Ms. Pierce:

This letter is intended to provide notification of permit exceedances that were recorded at the City of Mena's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) during the month of November 2021. The Permit exceedances and their associated sampling dates are provided below.

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Constituent Out of Compliance</u>
November 21, 2021	Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
November 23, 2021	DO

The recorded DO violations were for 7 mg/L and 6.81 mg/L respectively. The cause of the excursion is unknown. No other violations were reported for the month and historically DO has not been out of compliance during the colder months. As referenced in the City's Effluent Limits Compliance Quarterly Progress Report No. 8 submitted to the Division of Environmental Quality on October 11, 2021, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAWKINS-WEIR ENGINEERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Elizabeth Heiles'.

Elizabeth S. Heiles, P.E.

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