



November 4, 2022

EMAIL

Ms. Jill Gray, 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. Gray:

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

Sampling Date
October 6, 2022

Constituents Out of Compliance
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

The cause of the recorded DO exceedance is unknown but is suspected to be a result of algal respiration and/or oxygen demand from excess sludge accumulations within the lagoons. As referenced in the City's Effluent Limits Compliance Quarterly Progress Report No. 12 submitted to the DEQ on October 13, 2022, the City had a Design Phase Kickoff Meeting for a new activated sludge wastewater treatment facility on October 27, 2022. 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.

WJL/jg

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