



January 16, 2024

Ms. Kristen Graham, Compliance Analyst  
Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

VIA EMAIL

Re: NPDES Permit Number: AR0036692, AFIN: 57-00423, CAO LIS 18-046-001  
Progress Report No. 9 – SSES Collection System Rehabilitation Plan  
HWEI Project No. 2020024

Dear Ms. Graham:

The City of Mena, AR has agreed to provide semi-annual progress reports detailing the progress made towards implementing the collection system rehabilitation plan identified in their Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES), per the Order and Agreement Section of CAO LIS 18-046-001. We offer the following update as Progress Report No. 9:

- 269 manholes were inspected for inflow/infiltration and/or structural defects. The City of Mena is working to inspect and survey all existing manholes.
- The City has developed a draft GIS map of their collection system. A sewer system map will be finalized once all existing manholes have been surveyed.
- During the reporting period, the City smoke tested 11,784 feet of sanitary sewer mains which resulted in the following:
  - Identification of 23 customer-side issues that resulted in a requirement letter being issued to the customer to improve their sewer connection.
- During the reporting period, the City completed flow monitoring at eight (8) locations throughout the collection system. The flow monitoring data will be used to calibrate a collection system model and prioritize collection system improvement efforts.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any further information on the City's progress since the previous Progress Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAWKINS-WEIR ENGINEERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wesley J. LeMonier'.

Wesley J. LeMonier, P.E.

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