



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

August 1, 2016

Honorable George McKee
Mayor, City of Mena
Mena Wastewater Treatment Plant
323 Polk 53
Mena, AR 71953

RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0036692 AFIN 57-00423
Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) Review

Dear Mayor McKee,

The Department has received and reviewed the SSES submitted by Mena Wastewater Treatment Plant on June 30, 2016. The SSES submitted was conducted in March 2012. The City of Mena has continued to report 74 Sanitary Sewer Overflows totaling over 69,000 gallons from May 1, 2013 through July 31, 2016.

Sanitary Sewer Overflows are an unpermitted discharge and the Department expects the City of Mena to work towards eliminating them. Please submit for Department review, a plan to address deficiencies identified in the SSES through rehabilitation, repair, or replacement. The plan should also include milestone schedule, prioritizing improvements both short-term and long-term. Please submit the requested report by **September 30, 2016.**

Any violation of your NPDES Permit is subject to enforcement action by this Department, pursuant to the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act. The regulations and your NPDES Permit require that you take all reasonable measures necessary to eliminate or prevent the occurrence of violations.

Should you have any questions concerning the above referenced compliance issues, please feel free to contact me at 501-682-0636, or you may e-mail me at porterg@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Porter".

Gina Porter
Enforcement Analyst
Water Division, Enforcement Branch