



July 5, 2023

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. 8 – 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. 8:

- The City of Mena continues to make progress with GIS mapping of their collection system. This effort is ongoing with the end goal of developing a complete sewer system map.
- During this reporting period, the City replaced six (6) sewer taps, three sewer (3) cleanouts, 25 feet of 8-inch sewer main, and 6 feet of 6-inch sewer main. The City also installed four (4) new sewer services and repaired five (5) sanitary sewer manholes.
- During the reporting period, the City smoke tested 9,786 feet of sanitary sewer mains which resulted in the following:
 - Identification of 34 customer-side issues that resulted in a requirement letter being issued to the customer. Of the 34 customer-side issues, 30 have been repaired by the customers, two (2) are still within the timeline noted in the requirement letters, and two (2) were vacant houses and the related accounts have been flagged for no water service until the issue is resolved.
 - Identification of four (4) utility-side issues, all of which have been repaired.
- During the reporting period, the City has also begun flow monitoring at eight (8) locations throughout the collection system. Once complete, 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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cc: Mr. James Looney, Mena Water Utilities General Manager
Mr. Mike Spencer, Mena Water Utilities Wastewater Superintendent