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Certified Mail:

August 31, 2012

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Michelle Bolenbaugh
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-8314

Subject: NPDES Permit Number AR0038822
NPDES Permit Effluent Violation

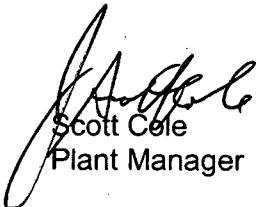
Dear Ms. Bolenbaugh,

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's (Cooper) tire manufacturing facility located in Texarkana, AR received a letter from you dated August 20, 2012 discussing NPDES permit violations. The letter references violations dated from May 2009 through June 2012 and include BOD, Zinc, TSS and Toxicity.

As evident from Cooper's history regarding this matter, including Cooper's recent meetings and letters with the Permits Branch in efforts to comply with these limits, this topic is quite complex. Cooper requests a meeting with both your department, as well as representatives of the Permits Branch, to further discuss this issue. Cooper proposes the meeting take place during the last week of the month, September 25th through September 27th. To facilitate the coordination of this meeting, I have included members of the Permit Branch in the distribution of this letter.

A representative of Cooper will call you shortly to confirm the exact date and time for this meeting. In the meantime, should you have any questions please feel free to contact Charles Allen at (870) 779-4260.

Sincerely,
COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY


Scott Cole
Plant Manager

pc: John Bailey, Sarah Clem (ADEQ)
Charles Allen, Craig Lloyd (Texarkana Plant)
Craig Busenbark, Tom Wood (Global Environmental)



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