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May 7, 2021

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Division  
Water Quality Enforcement  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

**Re: NPDES Non-Compliance Reports**  
**AFIN: 41-00001**  
**Permit Number: AR0042846**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ash Grove Cement Company, a Division of CRH (Ash Grove) operates a cement kiln in Foreman, Arkansas, with an NPDES permit (permit number: AR0042846). The permit requires both a 24-hour, and a 5-day report when results exceed the limits. On May 5, 2021, Ash Grove made the 24-hour report. The information herein completes the 5-day report (See permit Part III Section D.6).

The permit requires monthly outfall data on pH. On May 5, a sampling event found results greater than the maximum limit of 9.0 pH.

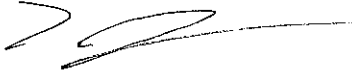
**Outfall 001 pH Maximum:** On May 5, Ash Grove measured a pH sample at Outfall 001 at approximately 9:46 A.M. The pH value was 9.1, which is above the permit's maximum limit. Ash Grove reported to DEQ on May 5, at 3:01 P.M.

Ash Grove will reach out to either FTN Associates or GBMc & Associates to help with its investigation into the pH exceedance at Outfall 001 and to identify potential measures to put in place to prevent future exceedances.

Please contact me at 870-542-3030 or [ted.jennings@ashgrove.com](mailto:ted.jennings@ashgrove.com) if there any questions.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Jennings', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Jennings  
Plant Manager  
Ash Grove Cement Company

cc: Craig McMahon  
Matthew Brooks  
Aaron Spicer