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**From:** Lawrence, Myrl  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 4:44 PM  
**To:** 'matthew.brooks@ashgrove.com'  
**Subject:** Response to Ash Grove Cement Company 24 Hour Initial Report



May 5, 2021

Matthew Brooks  
Ash Grove Cement Company, Environmental Engineer I  
4343 Hwy 108  
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RE: Permit No: AR0042846, Ash Grove Cement Company  
Receipt of 24 hour notification of pH exceedance

Mr. Brooks,

The initial non-compliance report was received by DEQ. We await submission of the 5 day report. As a reminder, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> pH exceedance in the most recent 12 month period, and in reviewing all parameters, the 8<sup>th</sup> effluent limit exceedance overall:

**AR0042846 - ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY (41-00001)**

DMR End Date	Disch-Desig	Parameter Desc	Reported DMR Value	Limit Value
05/31/2017	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (30DA GEO, #/100mL)	2140	1000
05/31/2017	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (7 DA GEO, #/100mL)	2140	2000
07/31/2017	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (30DA GEO, #/100mL)	2480	1000
07/31/2017	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (7 DA GEO, #/100mL)	2480	2000
05/31/2018	003-A	BOD, 5-day, 20 deg. C (MO AVG, mg/L)	18.4	10
05/31/2018	003-A	BOD, 5-day, 20 deg. C (DAILY MX, mg/L)	18.4	15
08/31/2020	002-A	pH (MAXIMUM, SU)	9.11	9
08/31/2020	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (30DA GEO, #/100mL)	2410	1000
08/31/2020	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (7 DA GEO, #/100mL)	2410	2000
09/30/2020	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (30DA GEO, #/100mL)	>2420	1000
09/30/2020	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (7 DA GEO, #/100mL)	>2420	2000
10/31/2020	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (30DA GEO, #/100mL)	4800	1000
10/31/2020	003-A	Coliform, fecal general (7 DA GEO, #/100mL)	4800	2000

Your diligence in evaluating the causes and preventing recurrence is encouraged. All of the above are violations of the permit and subject to possible further enforcement by this division.

Should you have questions please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ash Grove Cement Company (Ash Grove) holds a NPDES permit (permit number: AR0042846). This permit regulates three outfalls, which flow into French Creek. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:46 A.M., a pH sample was taken from Outfall 001. The results indicated that the pH had a value of 9.1. This is above the daily maximum limit of a pH of 9.0 found in Part I of Ash Grove's NPDES permit. Ash Grove is investigating its systems.

Please let me know if you have any questions. A written report will follow within the next 5 days.

Respectfully,

**Matthew Brooks**  
*Environmental Engineer I*

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