

NON-COMPLIANCE REPORT

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Water Quality – Enforcement Branch
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

RE: Permit No: AR0042846 **Discharge Number:** Outfall 003
Facility: Ash Grove Cement Company
Address: 4343 Highway 108
City: Foreman **State:** Arkansas **Zip:** 71836
Contact: Craig McMahon **Phone:** 870-542-3020

Date of Non-Compliance	Parameter Exceeded	Quantity or Loading	Quality or Concentration	Permit Limits
10/22/2020	Fecal Coliform	4,800	Colonies/100 mL	Daily Maximum: 2,000
10/31/2020	Fecal Coliform	4,800	Colonies/100 mL	Monthly Average: 1,000

We feel this problem was due to:

~~During the monthly sampling for August, it was discovered that the fecal coliform values were beyond the limits specified in Ash Grove's NPDES permit. Ash Grove re-sampled later that month to confirm that the values were legitimate and not sample contamination. The second sampling for the month of August were above the NPDES permit limitations. Ash Grove conducted an investigation and determined that due to a schedule change necessary for Social Distancing from COVID, a lapse in preventative maintenance on the sewer system occurred. Ash Grove setup a reoccurring work order to prevent this from happening again. Ash Grove sampled again on 9/8/2020 and 9/24/2020, and the fecal coliform values were still above permit limitations during both sampling events. Ash Grove reassessed its work on the sewer system and determined that more work was needed. Ash Grove completed the additional work. Ash Grove sampled on 10/22/2020, and found that the fecal coliform values were still high. However, they are lower than in September. This indicates that Ash Grove's previous corrective actions are working.~~


We plan on correcting the problem in this manner:

~~Ash Grove completed additional work on its sewer system on 10/14/2020. In addition, Ash Grove had GBMc & Associates perform a site assessment on October 13th. The final report for this assessment was issued on 10/28/2020. Ash Grove will continue to follow the recommended actions to ensure compliance. Ash Grove will also look into viability of the additional actions proposed in the site assessment.~~

Time estimated that it will take to correct problem:

~~With the fecal coliform value falling, Ash Grove anticipates that actions taken will address the incident soon.~~

Sincerely,



11-5-20

Submitted By:

Date

Submitted electronically via NetDMR

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