

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Mr. Carey Austell, Manager Ash Grove Cement Company 4457 Highway 108 West Foreman AR 71836

RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0042846, AFIN 41-00001

Dear Mr. Austell,

A review of the NPDES file for the above-mentioned facility for the period of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 reveals the following compliance issues:

The facility has reported 34 violations of Part I, Section A. of NPDES Permit No. AR0042846. A detailed list of the violations has been included with this letter. The Department expects the Ash Grove Cement Company to work toward preventing violations of the Part I, Section A., Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements of the Permit. The Department also recommends that the Ash Grove Cement Company consult with a professional engineer for the purpose of developing a corrective action plan designed to eliminate violations of the effluent limitations of the Permit at this facility.

Any violation of your NPDES Permit is subject to enforcement action by this Department, pursuant to the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act. The regulations and your NPDES Permit require that you take all reasonable measures necessary to eliminate or prevent the occurrence of violations.

Should you have any questions concerning the above referenced compliance issues, please feel free to contact me at 501-682-0631, or you may e-mail me at johnsonm@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

Miles Johnson Enforcement Analyst Water Division, Enforcement Branch