



# ARKANSAS

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Facility: City of Helena/West Helena Water Utilities  
 Date: 6-20-23

### Meeting Attendance

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Meeting Agenda  
City of Helena/West Helena  
AR0043389 & AR0022021  
June 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am

1. Introductions
2. Proposed CAO
  - a. Received CAO
  - b. Wanted no penalty-DEQ advised against. Almost guaranteed to pay penalty. Can make payments. Must justify what you request.
  - c. Make recommended changes and send to us.
  - d. Chief Administrator has final decision
  - e. DEQ suggested doing good faith items to show they are working on things.
3. Improvements and Changes Going Forward
  - a. City of Helena stated they have made numerous improvements
  - b. DEQ requested city send list of improvements thus far
  - c. Hope to be off bypass pumps by end of year
  - d. ARWA did rate study
  - e. Must improve/change culture: pay better salaries, make customers pay bills, fix things, have more staff
4. Reporting SSOs
  - a. Per the permit, SSOs are required to be reported within 24 hours of when discovered
  - b. SSOs are currently not being reported at all for either facility
  - c. If DEQ calls about an overflow, city needs to investigate and follow-up quickly.
  - d. SSO from June 1, 2023 has still not been reported.
5. Inspections:
  - a. DEQ has not received response to last two inspections done at both plants.
  - b. Response needs to be sent ASAP.
6. Solid Waste
  - a. Violation letters have been sent regarding landfill
  - b. No response from City
  - c. City needs to send correspondence of what they are doing to address

7. Follow-Up

- a. City will send correspondence of what corrective actions they have done within 30 days.
- b. City will send requested changes to CAO within 60 days.
- c. City will correct some of the issues addressed in the CAO: payment of permit fees, correcting DMRs, reporting SSOs, now.