



Helena Municipal Water & Sewer

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Subject: Updated Status Report of NPDES Permit Number AR0043389

Dear Mr. Layne:

Since February of this year I have been keeping you posted on our challenges and progress as we work on the issues we have faced with Pump Station Number 6 and the high level in our Helena Treatment Ponds. We have made progress, but challenges remain.

Due to the excessive rains and the high levels in our ponds, it appears we experienced a brief overflow at Cell 3. Fortunately, the wall did not breach. The recent dry weather, along with the success of restoring one of our main pumps at Station Number 6, has allowed us to see measurable progress in lowering the levels of our ponds.

We are working with John C. Edwards of the Helena-West Helena/Phillips County Port Authority to secure grants to help replace the pumps at Station Number 6. On behalf of the City of Helena-West Helena, he has submitted a \$200,000.00 CDBG grant. He is now working with the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to secure a \$400,000.00 grant, contingent upon approval of the Helena-West Helena City Council, to help rebuild the exterior treatment pond walls which are at high risk of breaching. This grant must be submitted to the DRA by the end of June.

It has been a year since I was appointed by Mayor Jay Hollowell to take responsibility of the Helena-West Helena water and sewer systems. I am committed to doing my best to

correct the issues we identify. It is challenging but rewarding work. I welcome your advice and assistance as we continue to move forward to have a safe and environmentally sound system.

I will continue to keep you apprised of our situation. Do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Best Regards,

Jack Ross

Jack Ross
General Manager
Helena-West Helena Water Department

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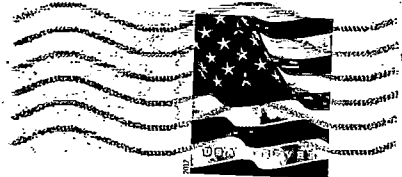
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