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Email: Richard.Cooper@arkansas.gov

Richard Cooper, Asst. Director
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North Central Unit
P.O. Box 8707
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**RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0044016, AFIN 33-00036
PROPOSED CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Attached is a proposed Consent Administrative Order (CAO) for violations of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-201 *et seq.*, at a site located 10 Prison Circle, Calico Rock, Arkansas. The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that this CAO is necessary to ensure compliance with the Act.

The enclosed CAO enumerates the violations in the “Findings of Fact” section, and outlines the steps required to achieve compliance in the “Order and Agreement” section of the CAO. Additionally, a civil penalty in the amount of \$6400.00 is proposed by DEQ to settle the violations outlined in this CAO. However, if the North Central Unit complies with the CAO, DEQ will suspend and dismiss the entire civil penalty. If you choose to accept the terms of the CAO, please sign, date, and **return the originally signed copy** to the address below within **twenty (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter. Subsequently, the Chief Administrator of DEQ will sign the CAO and you will be provided a copy, including information on the public notice process and the effective date of the CAO.

Failure to contact DEQ’s Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch in response to this CAO within **twenty (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter will constitute rejection of the settlement offer and unilateral enforcement action may proceed through a Notice of Violation (NOV). Should you wish to discuss this matter further, or schedule a meeting, you may contact me at (501) 682-0699, or you may e-mail tiana.toups@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tiana Toups'.

Tiana Toups, Enforcement Analyst
Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch

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