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Mr. Morteza Shafii
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5301 Northshore Drive
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Re: Withdrawal of General Objection to Preliminary Draft Permit (Act 954)
        El Dorado Chemical Company
        NPDES Permit No. AR0000752

Dear Mr. Shafii:

Thank you for the electronic submittal of November 14, 2013, responding to the concerns enumerated in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) general objection letter of September 23, 2013. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) response provided a revised draft permit with fact sheet addressing the Act 954 issues identified by the EPA.

On February 12, 2014, a conference call was held between representatives of the EPA and the ADEQ to provide clarification on Outfall 010 for El Dorado Chemical and how it relates to Outfall 010R in the Joint Pipeline permit at the Ouachita River. It was agreed that the designation and description for Outfall 010 in the permit and fact sheet would be revised to further clarify the relationship between the two outfalls. It was also agreed that this exercise would take place for each of the facilities discharging to the El Dorado Joint Pipeline.

We appreciate the cooperative spirit with which the ADEQ has worked to resolve the issues underlying our earlier general objection. Based on the ADEQ's revisions of the draft permit and fact sheet, the EPA withdraws its objection to issuance of this permit. Should you have any remaining questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (214) 665-7170. Alternatively, your staff may contact Mike Tillman at (214) 665-7531or via email to tillman.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudia V. Hosch
Associate Director
Water Quality Protection Division
NPDES Permits and TMDLs Branch

cc: (electronic) - John Bailey, Permits Branch Manager, Water Division, ADEQ