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Greg Withrow, General Manager
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RE: NPDES Permit AR0000752, AFIN 70-00040

Dear Mr. Withrow:

During the 2013 Arkansas Legislative session, House Bill 1929 addressing Mineral (Chlorides, Sulfates, and/or Total Dissolved Solids) standards and requirements in the State was proposed and passed into Law as Act 954:

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE PROMULGATION OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS; TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS;...”

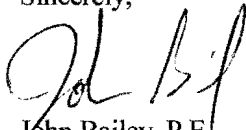
This new Act will become effective on August 16, 2013 and will be codified into State Law under the Arkansas Code. The Department must ensure that State Law is followed with the issuance of all potentially affected NPDES discharge permits. For this reason, the Department has made the decision to place all potentially affected permits on hold until the Act is effective.

An application for renewal of the subject NPDES permit was received and deemed administratively complete on January 2, 2007. During the technical review of the application and drafting of the permit, the Department determined that Mineral requirements may be needed in the re-issued permit. Therefore, reissuance of the permit has been placed on hold.

Since the application for renewal was submitted in accordance with APCEC Regulation 6.201, the previously issued NPDES permit “will continue in effect past the expiration date pending issuance of a new permit”. The permittee must continue to meet the existing permit requirements until a new permit is issued.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Kim Fuller, P.E. of my staff at (501) 682-0643, or by E-mail at fuller@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



John Bailey, P.E.
Permits Branch Manager
Water Division

cc: Central File