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RE: Water Quality Management Plan Update; NPDES Permit No. AR0001171; AFIN 70-00012

Dear Mr. Whitmore:

Please find enclosed a public notice which the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has prepared to update the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP or 208 Plan). The WQMP is being updated to include the wasteload allocations (WLAs) assigned to your facility in the approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report entitled, “TMDLs for Sulfate in the Upper Cornie Bayou Watershed, Arkansas”. This TMDL report has previously undergone the public participation process required by the Continuing Planning Process (CPP) and 40 CFR §25. The TMDL report was approved by EPA on August 16, 2011. 40 CFR 130.6 (c)(1) requires the WQMP to include the wasteload allocations established by an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The approved WLAs as listed in the TMDL report will be incorporated into the next reissuance of your NPDES permit in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44 (d)(1)(vii)(B).

In accordance with the Arkansas Continuing Planning Process (CPP) document, the public notice of WQMP Update will be published by ADEQ in a statewide newspaper (Arkansas Democrat Gazette) for one (1) day only. Comments on the WQMP Update must be received at ADEQ prior to the close of the comment period as described in the enclosed public notice. Please note that the TMDL report itself is not open for comments since the TMDL report has previously undergone public participation requirements and was finalized in 2011.

The WQMP and TMDL report can be found on the ADEQ website at the following addresses:

http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/ftproot/Pub/water/NPDES/WQMP.xls

http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/ftproot/Pub/WebDatabases/Water/TMDL/pdfs/Cornie_Bayou_and_Tribs%202011_08_01.pdf

ADEQ’s contact person for requesting information regarding the Water Quality Management Plan is Mr. Shane Byrum, at the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF 208 PLAN UPDATE

The 208 Plan, also known as the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP), developed by the ADEQ under provisions of Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act, is a comprehensive program to work toward achieving federal water goals in Arkansas. The initial 208 Plan, adopted in 1979, provides for annual updates, but can be revised more often if necessary. Notice is hereby given that the Water Division of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 is updating the WQMP to include the wasteload allocations (WLAs) established in the approved TMDL for each facility listed in the tables below in accordance with 40 CFR 130.6 (c)(1). The WLAs will also be incorporated into the next reissuance of each NPDES permit in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44 (d)(1)(vii)(B).

Please note that only the proposed WQMP Update is open for comments, and the TMDL reports are not open for comment since the TMDL reports have previously undergone public participation requirements and were finalized in 2008 and 2011.

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports entitled, “TMDLs for Chloride, Sulfate, TDS, and Turbidity in the Bayou Bartholomew Watershed, Arkansas”, and “TMDLs for Sulfate in the Upper Corrie Bayou Watershed, Arkansas”, were approved by EPA and finalized on March 31, 2008 and August 16, 2011, respectively. 40 CFR 130.6 (c)(1) requires the WQMP to be updated to include the approved TMDLs.

The following listed facilities are assigned wasteload allocations for Chloride, Sulfate, and Total Dissolved Solids in Appendix K of the Bayou Bartholomew TMDL: City of McGehee (AR0022071), City of Dermott-South Pond (AR0022250), City of Portland (AR0034371), City of Parkdale (AR0050997), and City of Wilmot (AR0050989).

The following listed facilities are assigned wasteload allocations for Sulfate in Table C.2 of the Upper Corrie Bayou TMDL: Great Lakes Chemical Corporation – South Plant (AR0000680), Great Lakes Chemical Corporation – Central Plant (AR0001171), Oak Manor Water & Wastewater Public Facility Board (AR0047813), and City of Junction City (AR0022179).

The Bayou Bartholomew TMDL report can be found on the following ADEQ website at the following address:

The Upper Corrie Bayou TMDL report can be found on the following ADEQ website at the following address:
http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/ftproot/Pub/WebDatabases/Water/TMDL/pdfs/Cornie_Bayou_and_Tribs%202011_08_01.pdf

The current WQMP can be found on the following ADEQ website at the following address:
http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/ftproot/Pub/water/npdes/wqmp.xls

ADEQ’s contact person for submitting written comments or requesting information regarding the Water Quality Management Plan is Mr. Shane Byrum at the above address and telephone number or by e-mail at WaterDraftPermitComments@adeq.state.ar.us.

The comment period for this proposed 208 Plan Update shall end at 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) on the 30th day after the publication date. If the last day of the comment period is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the public comment period shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Shane Byrum at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with Regulation 6.104(A)(5) [40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and Regulation 8.209 and 8.210 (Administrative Procedures). All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on ADEQ's proposed updates to the 208 Plan must submit written comments to ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. A Public Hearing will be held when ADEQ finds a significant degree of public interest. ADEQ will notify each person who has submitted written comments on the proposed updates to the 208 Plan. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the APCEC Regulation No. 8.603.