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RE: NPDES Permit No. AR0001210, AFIN 02-00013

Dear Ms. Ross:

The Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has reviewed your December 2, 2020, request to extend the pH adjustment trial (originally approved in a letter dated October 25, 2019, with updates approved in a letter dated December 19, 2019).

The October 25th letter stated that the trial could last for one year. The OWQ received an email on November 5, 2019, from Rachel Johnson stating that the trial would begin the next day. Based on your December 2, 2020, it is the OWQ's understanding that effects of increased pH from algal growth were not seen until May 2020 so actual use of the pH adjustment system did not start until that time. Since the intent of allowing one year for the trial was to obtain a full year of data while the pH adjustment system was operating, the OWQ has no objections to extending the trial until May 31, 2021.

Please note that the facility must continue to comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements set forth in the October 25, 2019, letter and that the final report regarding the study will be due no later than June 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Carstens, P.E. of the NPDES Permits Section at loretta.carstens@adeq.state.ar.us or at (501) 682-0612.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Leamons".

Bryan Leamons, P.E.
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