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February 5, 2009

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Declined Full Review of Preliminary Draft Permit
Cooper Tire and Rubber Company (NPDES Permit No. AR0038822)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft permit and checklist transmitted via email to Evelyn Rosborough, EPA on January 6, 2009.

As part of the implementation of the Region 6 NPDES Permits State Oversight Streamlining Procedure, EPA declines full review of the draft permit at this time. EPA reserves the right to review this permit should additional issues arise and to provide additional comments and/or objections prior to the close of the public comment period. Provided no additional comment and/or objection is forwarded to ADEQ prior to the end of the public comment period, ADEQ is free to proceed with issuance of this permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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NITA TRACKING DATA
Basin - Nix Creek, thence to Days Creek, thence to the Sulfur River, thence to the Red River of the Red River Basin Waterbody Segment Number - 1B Discharge to a 303(d) segment number? - No Implements a finalized TMDL? - N/A