

A R K A N S A S Department of Environmental Quality

December 2, 2010

Dan Peterson Ash Grove Cement Company P.O. Box 130 Foreman, AR 71836

RE: 1<sup>st</sup> Permit Expiration Notification

NPDES Permit Number AR0042846, AFIN 41-00001

Ash Grove Cement Company

Dear Mr. Peterson:

A review of our records indicates that your NPDES Discharge Permit will expire on 11/30/2011. In accordance with federal and state regulations, permittees wishing to continue discharging wastewater following the expiration date of their permit are required to apply for a renewal permit **not less than 180 days** (i.e., 6 months) prior to the permit's expiration date (i.e., 5/31/2011) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.21(d).

The renewal application forms may be found on the Department's website at the following address and may be submitted by hard copy mail to the address at the bottom of this letter or by email in PDF format to <a href="mailto:water-permit-application@adeq.state.ar.us">water-permit-application@adeq.state.ar.us</a>.

http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch permits/individual permits/industrial.htm

Due to the large number of renewal applications received by the Department, a **complete application** must be received by 5/31/2011 in order for the facility to continue discharging past the expiration date of their permit. Any NPDES permit that expires without the receipt of a renewal application will no longer be valid. In such a case, a new permit application must be submitted. Any facility discharging past the termination of its NPDES permit will be unlawful and may be subject to formal enforcement action which could include fines up to \$10,000 per day.

If our records are incorrect, or if you do not desire to renew your permit, or if you need more time (which can not be more than 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit), please respond by letter as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Permits Branch at (501) 682-0622.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly A. Fuller, P.E. NPDES Engineer Supervisor

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cc: Central File