

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

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David Dorris, Plant Manager Ash Grove Cement Company 4343 Highway 108 W Foreman, AR 71836

RE: 1st Permit Expiration Notification

NPDES Permit Number AR0042846, AFIN 41-00001

Ash Grove Cement Company

Dear Mr. Dorris:

A review of our records indicates that your NPDES Discharge Permit will expire on 5/31/2017. In accordance with federal and state regulations, permittees wishing to continue discharging wastewater prior to and 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., 12/2/2016) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.21(d).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please complete the required application forms and return them to the address at the bottom of this letter as soon as possible. Documents may also be submitted by email in PDF format to water-permit-application@adeq.state.ar.us. Please be advised that the Department's Disclosure Statement Form has recently been revised and the latest form must be submitted. Please be advised that ALL the required effluent testing data MUST be obtained and submitted with the application forms.

Copies of the required NPDES Permit renewal forms can be obtained at the following website:

http://www2.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 12/2/2016. 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, you MUST submit a letter terminating the permit including the current status of the facility and why the permit is no longer needed. If you need additional time to complete and submit the application forms (which cannot be more than 90 days prior to the expiration date of the permit), please respond by letter to the address below or by email to the address above as soon as possible. Failure to submit the requested information could result in enforcement action.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at (501) 837-2065 or by email at gageh@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

Hannah Gage

Administrative Specialist III

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cc: Electronic Filing (AR0042846, w/attachments)

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