



**REGION 6**

DALLAS, TX 75270

January 17, 2024

Mr. Bryan Leamons  
Senior Operations Manager  
Division of Environmental Quality  
5301 North Shore Drive  
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

Re: Ash Grove Cement Company, Foreman Plant - AR0042846

Dear Mr. Leamons:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft permit for the Ash Grove Cement Company, Foreman Plant (AR0042846), which was received by this office on December 20, 2023. Based on our review of the above referenced draft permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has no comments at this time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in administering the Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting program. Under the CWA, the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality as the primary National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authority in the state, and the EPA, in its oversight role, share responsibility for ensuring that all NPDES permits issued within the state comply with the CWA and federal regulations. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (214) 665-6793 or reply directly to Juanita Huff at (214) 665-2794 (e-mail: [huff.juanita@epa.gov](mailto:huff.juanita@epa.gov)).

Sincerely,

Curry Jones  
Branch Manager  
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cc: Stacie Wassell (DEQ Office of Water Quality)