



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**REGION 6
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75202-2733**

August 24, 2006

CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (7004 1160 0003 0356 6138)

Mr. Morteza Shafii
Permits Section Chief
Water Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
P. O. Box 8913
Little Rock, AR 72219-8913

Re: Review of Draft Permit
Ash Grove Cement Company
Permit No. AR0042846

Dear Mr. Shafii:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft permit transmitted via email from you to Evelyn Rosborough, EPA on August 18, 2006. As part of the implementation of the Region 6 NPDES Permits State Oversight Streamlining Procedure, EPA declines review of this draft permit at this time. EPA reserves the right to review this permit should additional issues arise and to provide additional comments and/or objection 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 we may help your office achieve its permitting goals, please call me at 214-665-7530, FAX: 214-665-2191, or EMAIL: burrell.monica@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Originally Signed By

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