



# ARKANSAS

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

November 14, 2022

Lenore Trammell, Assistant Secretary  
Exploratory Ventures, LLC  
PO Box 707  
Osceola, AR 72370

Re: NPDES Permit Number AR0053384 and State Construction Permit Number AR0053384C  
AFIN 47-01073

Dear Ms. Trammell:

The application for an NPDES permit and State Construction permit was received on November 9, 2022. In accordance with Division policy, the application has been reviewed and determined to be administratively complete. The application has been assigned NPDES permit number AR0053384 and State Construction Permit Number AR0053384C. Please refer to these numbers in any future correspondence concerning this application.

All permits are issued in accordance with federal and state priorities for water pollution abatement. Therefore, it is possible that processing this new application may take some time depending on the relative priority of the discharge in comparison with others. However, every effort will be made to expedite the processing of your permit.

Pursuant to Act 163 of 1993 and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APCEC) Rule 8.205, public notice must be given for all permit applications submitted to this Division. The enclosed public notice will be published by DEQ in a newspaper of general circulation for one (1) day only. An invoice for the cost of publishing the public notice and proof of publication will be sent to you by the advertising newspaper. The permittee must send proof of publication and payment to the address at the bottom of this letter as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from the above date. Until this Division receives proof of publication of the public notice, no further action will be taken on the issuance of your discharge permit.

Information on public notice requirements is included with this letter. Additionally, a permit fee is required by Act 817 of 1983, as amended, Act 1254 of 1993, as amended, and Rule 9. The required permit fee will be calculated in accordance with the fee schedule contained in Section 4 of Rule 9 and an invoice will be sent.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Terry Liu, P.E. at (501) 682-0653 or by email at [terry.liu@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:terry.liu@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jessica Sears'.

Jessica Sears, P.E.  
NPDES Engineer Supervisor  
Office of Water Quality, Division of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR, 72118

cc: Andrew Rike, P.E. ([arike@harborenv.com](mailto:arike@harborenv.com))  
Shane Byrum, Engineer, Office of Water Quality

Notice of Application  
For NPDES Permit AR0053384 and State Construction Permit AR0053384C

Under the provisions of Act 163 of the 1993 Arkansas Legislature, this is to give notice the Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Office of Water Quality has received an application on November 9, 2022, for a new NPDES Permit No. AR0053384 and State Construction Permit No. AR0053384C from the following facility:

Exploratory Ventures, LLC  
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Osceola, AR 72370

The application has been deemed administratively complete and is undergoing technical review by the Office of Water Quality for compliance with State and Federal regulations. The facility under consideration is located as follows: 1000 East County Road 860, Osceola, in Mississippi County, Arkansas.

The proposed construction will include oil/water separation, homogenization (flow equalization), metals removal (Dissolved Air Flotation), clarification, aeration for ion conversion, and filtration, and sludge drying with a design flow of 1.25 MGD.

Interested persons desiring to request a public hearing on the application may do so in writing. The Division shall have the discretion to decide whether to hold a public hearing, unless otherwise required by law or regulation. If a hearing is scheduled, adequate public notice will be given in this newspaper. All requests shall be submitted in writing and must include the reasons for the necessity of a public hearing. All requests should be received by DEQ within 10 business days of the date of this notice and should be submitted to:

Terry Liu, P.E.  
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Office of Water Quality, NPDES Permits Branch  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317  
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