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I, Charles A. McNeice Jr., do solemnly swear that I am the Finance Director of the **Arkansas Democrat Gazette**, a daily newspaper printed and published in said county, State of Arkansas; that I was so related to this publication at and during the publication of the annexed legal advertisement in the matter of :

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT DISCHARGE PERMIT,

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And that there is due or has been paid the **Arkansas Democrat Gazette** for publication the sum of \$173.60.
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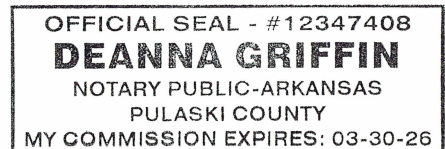
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT DISCHARGE PERMIT, PERMIT NUMBER AR0053384, AFIN 47-01073

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-203(e), the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Water Quality, gives the following notice:

Exploratory Ventures, LLC operates a facility located as follows: 1000 East County Road 860, Osceola, AR 72370 in Mississippi County. The facility proposes to discharge treated process wastewater through Outfall EV201, and discharge stormwater runoff, dust suppression water, and quenching water from slag yard through Outfall EV202 into the Mississippi River in Segment 6C of the Mississippi River Basin. Exploratory Ventures, LLC submitted an application on November 9, 2022, with additional information received by April 21, 2023, for the issuance of NPDES Permit No. AR0053384. The application has been reviewed by the DEQ's Office of Water Quality and has received tentative approval subject to the terms of this notice.

Citizens wishing to examine or obtain copies of the permit application, the draft permitting decision, or the Fact Sheet may do so at the DEQ headquarters located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317. To request a copy of one or more of the documents, please call (501) 682-0656. For those with Internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit as well as the publication date may be found on the DEQ's website at: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/permits/drafts_pn.aspx

Comments on the draft issuance will be accepted in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule 8.208. DEQ's contact person for submitting written comments on the draft permit or requesting a public hearing on the draft permit is Terry Liu, P.E., at the above address and telephone number, or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

The period for submitting comments on the draft permit and for requesting a public hearing shall begin on the date of publication of the public notice, and end at 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) on the 30th day after the publication date. If the last day of the comment period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the public comment period shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Terry Liu, P.E. at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with Rule 6.104(A)(5) [40 C.F.R. §§ 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and 8.207 through 8.210 (Administrative Procedures). All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on DEQ's draft permitting decision must submit written comments to DEQ along with their name and mailing address. A Public Hearing will be held when DEQ finds a significant degree of public interest. After the public comment

period, DEQ will issue a final permitting decision. DEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by DEQ in accordance with the APC&EC Rule 8.302544z

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Credit Card	Mastercard	8187	Ad ID 302544	\$173.60

If you have any questions call: 501-378-3400

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Nancy Koon (adpce.ad)

From: Deena Thuston (adpce.ad)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Nancy Koon (adpce.ad)
Subject: FW: EV Draft Discharge Permit# AR0053384 Proof of Publication & Payment
Attachments: EV Draft Discharge Permit# AR0053384 Proof of Publication & Payment.pdf

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To: Deena Thuston (adpce.ad) <Deena.Thuston@adeq.state.ar.us>
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Subject: EV Draft Discharge Permit# AR0053384 Proof of Publication & Payment

Morning Deena,

Please see the attached proof of publication and payment for Exploratory Ventures, LLC's Draft Discharge Permit# AR00053384. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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