

September 29, 2022

Gary Carr Department Manager Blytheville Wastewater Department PO Box 1784 Blytheville, AR 72315

Dear Mr. Carr,

The Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality's Office of Water Quality (DEQ) received the City of Blytheville's (Blytheville) annual pretreatment program report required by NPDES Permit Number AR0022560 on August 9, 2022.

During review of the report, it was stated that Omnium LLC (Omnium), a categorical industrial user (CIU) regulated by Blytheville through permit and the categorical pretreatment regulations found in 40 CFR 455 Subpart C, exceeded its permitted categorical discharge limitations for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and zinc during the July 2021 through August 2022 reporting period. As a result, Blytheville revoked Omnium's permit on August 19, 2022. In addition, Blytheville has also taken substantial action to prevent interference at its publicly owned treatment works (POTW) by capping and securing the sewer access lines at Omnium to halt and prevent further discharge of process wastewaters to the POTW.

In response to the information provided by Blytheville and the aforementioned actions, Omnium is no longer a CIU discharging its process wastewaters to the POTW, and is, therefore, no longer subject to the requirements set forth in Blytheville's pretreatment program as it was permitted. However, Omnium is still subject to the General Pretreatment Regulations set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 403. Additionally, Omnium is responsible for ensuring that the process wastewaters generated at its facility are properly managed and disposed of according to applicable state laws and rules.

No further action is requested or required by the City of Blytheville at this time. DEQ appreciates your diligence in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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