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ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

June 25, 2001

John Rimmer, General Manager  
City of West Memphis  
P.O. Box 1868  
West Memphis, Arkansas 72301

Re: CSN: 18-0019; NPDES Permit No.: AR0022039

Dear Mr. Rimmer:

On May 24, 2001, I performed a routine compliance inspection of the City of West Memphis's wastewater treatment facility in accordance with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. This inspection revealed the following violations:

1. At time of the inspection, the air lines that provide the adequate aeration in the facility's aeration basins were noted to have some major leaks and several other smaller leaks. The air leaks needs to be repaired.
2. During the course of the inspection, it was noted that the facility's grit removal unit was out of service. The facility had committed to a plan to replace the grit removal system this year. The units need to be repaired or replaced and put back on line to provide an effective grit removal as required to maintain an efficiently operating plant.
3. At the time of the inspection, new sludge pumps had been installed to pump sludge from the decanted area to the sludge storage area. These pumps were not in operation. The installation of these new pumps needs to be completed. The installation of the auto levelers for the new bar screen also needed completion.
4. The influent table II and table III, twenty-four-hour (24) composites samples were not being combined proportionally to the flow.

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7. Records should be kept on the monthly flow checks to assure continued compliance within the allowable + or - 10% range and to insure the proper operation of the instrument.

**Number 4 of the above items were a repeated violation.**

The above items require your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to these findings to the NPDES Enforcement Section of this Department when the violations have been corrected. This response should contain documentation describing the course of action taken to correct each item noted. This corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response is due by July 25, 2001.

If I can be any assistance, please contact me at 870-673-8846.

Sincerely,



*for*  
Ronald White  
District Field Inspector  
Water Division

cc: NPDES Branch  
Roger Batts, Project Manager OMI