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West  
Memphis  
STP

January 8, 1981

Mr. Meredith Taylor  
STP Superintendent  
West Memphis Utility Comm.  
P. O. Box 1868  
West Memphis, AR 72301

Dear Mr. Taylor,

On January 6, 1981, I performed a routine NPDES and O&M Inspection of the City's sewage treatment plant. This inspection revealed that you are not in compliance with the requirements of the laws and regulations. Specifically, I found the following violations:

1. Disposal of sludge at the West Memphis Dump during periods of wet weather when it cannot be land applicated. All sludges and solids must be disposed of in a permitted landfill with prior written approval from our Little Rock office.
2. The taking of samples at the weir on the primary unit does not represent actual plant performance due to bypassing part of the daily flow to the final wet will where it is mixed with the treated flow before discharging. Samples should be taken at the final wet will. A letter should also be sent to our Little Rock office and the EPA office in Dallas explaining the reasons for this type of bypassing.
3. Flow measurements are not accurate due to the bypassing. Therefore, an alternate method must be arranged to determine the total plant flow.
4. Additional correspondence needs to be conducted with Ms. Renee Castlman of the EPA office in Dallas in an attempt to obtain written approval for discontinuing the use of the chlorine contact unit and no longer sampling for fecal coliform.

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You should immediately undertake to correct the violations noted above within the next 45 days.

If I can answer any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary Meador  
District 3 Field Inspector  
Enforcement Branch

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cc: J. B. Jones

Enclosure