



DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Steve Dufresne, Director of Utilities
2806 Bryan Road
Van Buren, AR 72956

RE: City of Van Buren
WWAC Application
AFIN: 17-00062 & 17-00565; NPDES Permit: AR0021482 & AR0040967

Dear Mr. Dufresne:

The Department of Energy & Environment's Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has reviewed the application for the above-referenced facility and has the following comments on the application:

- The work detailed in the WWAC application will move the City of Van Buren toward compliance with CAO LIS 13-088-001.
- A Construction Stormwater General Permit ARR150000 is required if the project disturbs one (1) acre or more of land. If the construction will disturb equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres, the project is considered an automatically covered site. If the construction will disturb five (5) acres or greater, the approval of Construction Stormwater General Permit coverage from DEQ is required prior to the start of construction. Instructions for Construction Stormwater Permits, including automatic coverage, is accessible on the DEQ website at <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/permits/npdes/stormwater/>.
- The Construction Stormwater General permit does not authorize any activity to be conducted in Waters of the State or Waters of the United States. Work in Waters of the State requires a short-term activity authorization (STAA) from DEQ prior to working in the wetted area of a stream or water body. A STAA is necessary for any in-stream activity that could cause an exceedance of applicable water quality standards, including, but not limited to, gravel removal, bridge or crossing repair/maintenance, bank stabilization, debris removal, culvert replacement, flood control projects, and stream relocation. Appropriate best management practices should be used during construction to ensure the protection of the water quality and prevent future impacts or impairment of the receiving waters.

We appreciate your cooperation with this pre-application process. If you have any questions or comments, contact Joe Martin, Interim Deputy Associate Director, at (501) 682-0660, or by email at: Joe.M.Martin@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Martin" clearly distinguishable.

Joe Martin
Interim Deputy Associate Director, Office of Water Quality
Division of Environmental Quality

cc: Stacie Wassell, Associate Director, Office of Water Quality, DEQ
Richard Healey, Enforcement Branch Manager, Office of Water Quality, DEQ