



**DIVISION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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July 29, 2024

Daniel Dawson, General Manager
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Email: d.dawson@searcywater.org

**RE: NPDES Permit No. AR0021601, AFIN 73-00055
PROPOSED CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Dear Mr. Dawson:

On June 7, 2024, the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a proposed Consent Administrative Order (CAO) to Searcy Board of Public Utilities with an assessed civil penalty of \$5200.00. On July 9, 2024, Searcy Board of Public Utilities requested additional information be included in the Findings of Fact, and that no civil penalty be assessed. After careful consideration, DEQ is willing to conditionally SUSPEND and DISMISS \$4200.00 of the original assessed penalty.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised CAO in this matter. If you choose to accept the terms of the CAO, with the reduced penalty of **\$1000.00**, please sign, date, and **return the signed copy** to leslie.allen-daniel@arkansas.gov or the address below **within (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter. Subsequently, the Interim Chief Administrator of DEQ will sign the CAO and you will be provided a copy, including information on the public notice process and the effective date of the CAO.

Failure to contact the DEQ, Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch in response to this CAO **within (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter, will constitute rejection of the settlement offer and unilateral enforcement action may proceed through a Notice of Violation (NOV). Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Leslie Allen-Daniel at (501) 682-0630, or you may e-mail her at leslie.allen-daniel@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachel Wilcox'.

Rachel Wilcox
Compliance Analyst, OWQ, DEQ

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