



MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date: 5/15/2024 at 11am, DEQ HQ Office

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Background:

- Facility and DEQ have entered into CAO LIS 20-134 to address Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), DMR violations, and pretreatment violations. The CAO was executed on March 5, 2020.
- Facility was to certify final compliance by December 31, 2023. The compliance date was not met, and DEQ has drafted and proposed Amended CAO LIS 20-134-001.
- The proposed Amendment was sent on April 22, 2024. To date, it has not been signed and returned to DEQ.
- Facility is considered a major municipal treatment facility.
- At this time, Facility is on EPA's Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) list.
- Facility received ARPA funding, but the funding cannot be allocated to treatment plant rehab/repair.
- Facility requested a meeting with DEQ to discuss the proposed Amendment and ongoing rehab/repair of the plant and collection system.

Meeting Minutes:

- Introductions
- Discussed civil penalty assessed for late DMRs and effluent violations.
- Facility stated they have been investing heavily in rehab/repair of the collection system.
- A contractor has been hired to work on the expansion of the treatment plant. Roughly 25% complete.
- DEQ confirmed quarterly reports – not semi-annual – will be required by Amendment LIS 20-134-001.
- Facility stated sewer rates have been increased twice since issuance of CAO LIS 20-134.
- Facility has completed repairs to Priority 1 manholes/sewer system. Only a few outstanding issues remain.
- 2 chronically problematic pump states are getting individual force mains. 1 is installed, and worked effectively during the latest rain event.
- Expansion of the treatment plant is slated for completion in 2026.
- Facility believes BOD exceedances are rooted in wastewater received from Coca-Cola. Facility and Coca-Cola are partnering to remediate the issues. Coca-Cola financed the installation of additional aeration. Coca-Cola is under a pretreatment plan and is monitored daily.
- CIPP work slated for summer 2024, as well as additional improvements to pump stations.

Action Items:

- Facility shall review the proposed CAO that was sent by DEQ. If the Facility agrees to the terms, please sign and return the CAO and City Council Resolution form to Kristen.Graham@adeq.state.ar.us.
- Ensure the timely submittal of future DMRs.
- Facility may request to reduce the proposed civil penalty. Senior supervisors within DEQ would review the request and make a determination. DEQ cannot fully waive or postpone the civil penalty.
- Continue to implement collection system rehab and plant expansion to regain compliance with the Permit.
- Once the Order is effective, comply with Amended CAO LIS 20-134-001.