



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

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Sent via email

Leslie Allen-Daniel
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RE: City of Hot Springs Utilities
Permit No. AR0033880 / AFIN 26-00145 / CAO LIS 22-007
Manhole 1750, Gulpha Creek and Spencer Bay

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

The following update is a progress update regarding the CAO LIS 22-007 to the Gulpha Basin Gravity Sewer Interceptor, Gulpha Basin Sewer Pump Station and Force Main.

Lower Gulpha Interceptor

Phase 1 of the project is currently under construction by Coakley Company, Inc. The contractor is presently boring under Highway 270 (Malvern Avenue) to install the new 42-inch gravity sewer main. Construction for Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by October 2026.

Phase 2 of the project, currently under construction by Belt Construction, Inc. of Texarkana, Arkansas, is in the clearing and grubbing stage of right-of-way and easement preparation. The contractor is receiving materials (pipe) and establishing laydown and staging areas in advance of pipeline installation. Construction completion for Phase 2 is scheduled for March 2027.

Phase 3 of the project is currently under construction by Diamond Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas. The contractor is presently boring under Highway 70 (Grand Avenue) for installation of the gravity sewer main. Construction for Phase 3 is scheduled for completion in May 2026.

Gulpha Pump Station Improvements

Max Foote Construction has completed installation of the 1,250 kW Kohler emergency backup generator for the station. Under this contract, three (3) 350 horsepower submersible Flygt pumps are currently being installed. Construction is scheduled for completion in November 2025. Drone photographs have been included for reference and documentation of progress.

Gulpha Force Main

Phases 1 and 2 of the Force Main Project have been completed. Phase 1 was constructed by The Coakley Company, and Phase 2 was completed by Diamond Construction.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant and UV Disinfection Upgrade

The Max Foote Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) – Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for the Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and UV Disinfection Upgrade is scheduled for completion in approximately May 2026.

System Performance

There were no SSOs at the Gulpha Pump Stations and associated manholes in October.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 651-7730 or by email at mledbetter@cityhs.net.

Sincerely,



Monty Ledbetter
Utilities Director

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Gulpha Pump Station Improvements



Davidson Drive WWTP Improvements