



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

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Sent via email

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**RE: City of Hot Springs Utilities
Permit No. AR0033880 / AFIN 26-00145 / CAO LIS 22-007
Gulpha Creek and Spencer Bay**

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

Construction activities continue to advance across all components of the CAO LIS 22-007 project for the Gulpha Basin Gravity Sewer Interceptor, Pump Station, and Force Main.

Lower Gulpha Interceptor

Schedule 1 - On the Lower Gulpha Interceptor, Coakley Company, Inc. is making steady progress. The contractor is actively performing the bore beneath Highway 270 (Malvern Avenue) for installation of the 60-inch steel casing pipe and the 42-inch gravity sewer carrier pipe. At the same time, crews are installing additional sewer line immediately north of the bore location. Substantial completion for this schedule remains on target for October 2026.

Schedule 2 - Belt Construction, Inc. of Texarkana, Arkansas, is currently focused on clearing and grubbing easements and right-of-way. One segment of the pipeline is undergoing bore installation, and pipe shipments continue to arrive as the contractor establishes laydown and staging areas in preparation for full pipeline construction. Some minor deviations are being addressed due to improperly located utilities encountered during excavation. Completion of Schedule 2 remains anticipated for March 2027.

Upper Gulpha Interceptor

Schedule 1 - Boyles Construction of Paron, Arkansas, is proceeding with Schedule 1, which extends from Spring Street at Vernel northward for approximately one mile. This portion of the project consists primarily of installing 15-inch and 18-inch PVC and HDPE gravity sewer mains and is planned for a construction duration of roughly 400 days.

Schedule 2 - Diamond Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas, is currently completing a bore beneath Highway 70 (Grand Avenue) to install the associated gravity sewer main. Overall completion of Phase 3 of this work is expected by May 2026.

Gulpha Pump Station

Significant progress has also been made at the Gulpha Pump Station. Max Foote Construction has successfully installed the 1,250-kW Kohler emergency generator, ensuring essential backup power capability for the facility. Installation of the three 350-horsepower submersible Flygt pumps is ongoing, and construction is approaching completion as final site work proceeds. Updated drone imagery has been captured to document current site conditions. The primary power transformer, supplied by Entergy Arkansas, is tentatively scheduled for delivery on December 15th.

Gulpha Force Main

Phases 1 and 2 of the Gulpha Force Main have been fully completed. Phase 1 was constructed by Coakley Company, and Phase 2 by Diamond Construction. Together, these phases provide the essential connection between the new and existing Gulpha Pump Stations and the Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Facility, utilizing 24-inch, 30-inch, and 36-inch C-900 pipe.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and UV Disinfection Upgrade

The Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and UV Disinfection Upgrade, being delivered under Max Foote's Construction Manager at Risk Guaranteed Maximum Price contract, remain scheduled for completion around May 2026.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall

Kajacs Contractors have made notable progress on the Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall. The site has been cleared and grubbed for installation of the new 54-inch FRP outfall line. Diffuser sections have been delivered, and cofferdams are currently being constructed to support the Port-A-Dam installation. The subaqueous portion of the work will be performed while Lake Catherine remains in its current drawdown condition.

System Performance

System performance remained strong during the latest reporting period. There were no sanitary sewer overflows at the Gulpha Pump Stations or associated manholes during the month of November.

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

Sincerely,



Monty Ledbetter
Utilities Director

Attachments: Photos of Construction in Progress

cc: **City of Hot Springs** - Bill Burrough, City Manager; Denny McPhate, Deputy City Manager; Harold Mauldin, Wastewater Facilities Operations Manager; Todd Piller, Capital Project Manager;
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Lower Gulpha Interceptor – Schedule 1 – Bore and Line Work



Lower Gulpha Interceptor - Schedule 1 – Bore Site on Highway 270



Upper Gulpha Interceptor – Schedule 2 – Bore Site on Highway 70



Gulpha Pump Station Construction



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Davidson Drive WWTP Clarifier under construction



Davidson Drive WWTP Emergency Generator



Davidson Drive WWTP Outfall Construction



Davidson Drive WWTP Outfall Construction