



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

Utilities Department

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Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

February 13, 2026

Sent via email

Leslie Allen-Daniel
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5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

**RE: City of Hot Springs Utilities
Permit No. AR0033880 / AFIN 26-00145
Progress Report – Hot Springs Creek Pump Station**

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

Hot Springs Creek Pump Station Max Foote Construction of Louisiana

With Hot Springs #3 Pump Station now fully operational strong progress on the rehabilitation and upgrade on the Hot Springs Creek Pump Station continues. Design and construction teams, working closely with Max Foote Construction, are completing final refinements to the revised piping configuration and installation sequencing needed to support the new, higher-capacity pumps and valves. Structural preparations are actively underway, with demolition of the existing pump pedestals progressing to ready the facility for incoming equipment.

Detailed planning efforts have resulted in a finalized rigging and lift strategy tailored to the confined conditions of the pump station. This approach prioritizes safety, minimizes risk to existing infrastructure, and ensures precise placement of the new pump units during installation. Ongoing coordination with key subcontractors, including Eagle Electric, and City operations staff remains a priority. This collaborative effort is allowing construction activities to move forward efficiently while keeping the pump station fully operational and compliant with all applicable regulatory requirements.

System Performance

There were no SSOs related to the Hot Springs Creek Pump Station and associated manholes to report in January.

Should you need further information, please contact me at (501)651-7730 or by email at mledbetter@cityhs.net.

Sincerely,



Monty Ledbetter
Utilities Director

Attachment: SSO Lab Results, Public Notification & Environmental Cleanup Documentation.

cc: **Arkansas Energy & Environment** | Richard Healey, Enforcement Manager
City of Hot Springs - Bill Burrough, City Manager; Denny McPhate, Deputy City Manager;
HaroldMauldin, Wastewater Facilities Operations Manager; Todd Piller, Capital Projects
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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,

Project Update - Lower Gulpha Interceptor

Schedule 1

Contractor: Coakley Company, Inc.

Construction continues to advance on Schedule 1. The contractor is actively completing the bore beneath Highway 270 (Malvern Avenue) for installation of the 60-inch steel casing pipe and 42-inch gravity sewer carrier pipe. Concurrent line installation is also underway immediately north of the bore location. Substantial completion remains on schedule for October 2026.

Schedule 2

Contractor: Belt Construction, Inc. (Texarkana, Arkansas)

Work is currently focused on clearing and grubbing easements and right-of-way areas. One pipeline segment is being installed via bore, and pipe shipments are ongoing as the contractor establishes laydown and staging areas in preparation for full pipeline construction.

Minor alignment deviations are anticipated due to previously unidentified or improperly located utilities.

Completion is expected in March 2027.

Upper Gulpha Interceptor (Spring Street)

Schedule 1

Contractor: Boyles Construction (Paron, Arkansas)

This phase extends from Spring Street at Vernel north approximately one mile. The work primarily includes installation of 15-inch and 18-inch PVC and HDPE gravity sewer mains. The anticipated construction duration is approximately 400 days.

Schedule 2

Contractor: Diamond Construction Company (North Little Rock, Arkansas)

Work is well underway. The contractor is currently performing a bore beneath Highway 70 (Grand Avenue) to install the gravity sewer main associated with this phase.

Overall completion of Phase 3 is expected by May 2026.

Gulpha Pump Station Improvements

The pump station has been successfully tested. At reduced speed via the variable frequency drives (VFDs), wastewater has been pumped at a rate of 7 MGD to the Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Two of the three 350-horsepower submersible Flygt pumps have been tested and are operational.

Gulpha Force Main

Phase 1 Contractor: Coakley Company, Inc.

Phase 2 Contractor: Diamond Construction Company

Phases 1 and 2 of the Gulpha Force Main improvements are complete. The project included installation of 24-inch, 30-inch, and 36-inch C-900 pipe.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant and UV Disinfection Upgrade

Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR): Max Foote Construction

The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for the wastewater treatment plant improvements and UV disinfection upgrade is on track for completion in May 2026.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall

Contractor: Kajacs Contractors

The diffuser pipe has been installed in Lake Catherine. Work is now focused on installing the outfall pipe. To facilitate construction, Entergy has lowered Lake Catherine by approximately seven feet.

System Performance

There were no sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) at the Gulpha Pump Stations or associated manholes in January.

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

Sincerely,



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Davidson Drive WWTP Discharge



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