



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

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Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

January 14, 2026

Sent via email

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

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

Max Foote Construction of Louisiana continues to make strong progress on the rehabilitation and upgrade of two major sewer lift stations in Hot Springs.

Hot Springs Creek Pump Station

Engineering teams, in coordination with Max Foote Construction, are finalizing the updated piping layout and installation mapping required to accommodate the new, higher-capacity pumps and valves. Demolition of the existing pump pedestals is currently underway to prepare the structure for the upcoming equipment installation. A comprehensive rigging plan has been developed to support safe placement of the heavy pump units within the confined pump house environment while protecting both personnel and the existing structure.

Max Foote continues to coordinate closely with subcontractors, including Eagle Electric, as well as City staff to maintain seamless construction sequencing. These efforts are focused on advancing the upgrades while keeping the pump station fully operational and in compliance with all regulatory requirements throughout construction.

System Performance

There were not SSOs related to the Hot Springs Creek Pump Station and associated manholes to report in December.

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; Harold Mauldin, Wastewater Facilities Operations Manager; Todd Piller, Capital Projects Manager;
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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 Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant, with work progressing as planned across multiple contracts.

Lower Gulpha Interceptor

Schedule 1 - Coakley Company, Inc. continues steady progress on the Lower Gulpha Interceptor. Crews are actively completing the bore beneath Highway 270 (Malvern Avenue) for installation of the 60-inch steel casing and 42-inch gravity sewer carrier pipe. Sewer line installation is also ongoing immediately north of the bore location, allowing construction activities to advance concurrently. Substantial completion remains targeted for October 2026.

Schedule 2 - Belt Construction, Inc. of Texarkana, Arkansas, is progressing with clearing and grubbing of easements and right-of-way. Bore installation is underway on one segment, and pipe deliveries are ongoing as laydown and staging areas are established in preparation for full pipeline construction. Minor field adjustments are being coordinated related to utility conflicts encountered during excavation. Completion of Schedule 2 remains anticipated for March 2027.

Upper Gulpha Interceptor

Schedule 1 - Boyles Construction of Paron, Arkansas, continues work on the approximately one-mile segment extending north from Spring Street at Vernel. Construction focuses on installation of 15-inch and 18-inch PVC and HDPE gravity sewer mains, with the segment planned for an overall construction duration of approximately 400 days.

Schedule 2 - Diamond Construction Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas, is completing a bore beneath Highway 70 (Grand Avenue) for installation of the associated gravity sewer main. Phase 3 remains on schedule, with overall completion 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, has been delivered and installed.

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.

A purchase order for the Tertiary Filter 3 and 4 Improvements was issued on November 21, 2025. Substantial Completion is scheduled for April 11, 2027, with Final Completion anticipated on May 11, 2027. The total contract duration is 524/554 days. The original contract amount is \$3,180,513.00. Construction activities are in the early stages at this time.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall

Construction for the outfall improvements from the wastewater treatment plant to Lake Catherine is underway, with progress documented through construction photographs. The Notice to Proceed was issued on September 15, 2025. Substantial Completion is scheduled for May 13, 2026, with Final Completion anticipated on June 12, 2026. 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. As of December 23, 2025, 99 days of contract time had been expended, leaving approximately 141 to 171

days remaining. The original and current contract duration is 240/270 days, with no time added by change order. Approximately 37 percent of the contract time has been expended.

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 December.

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

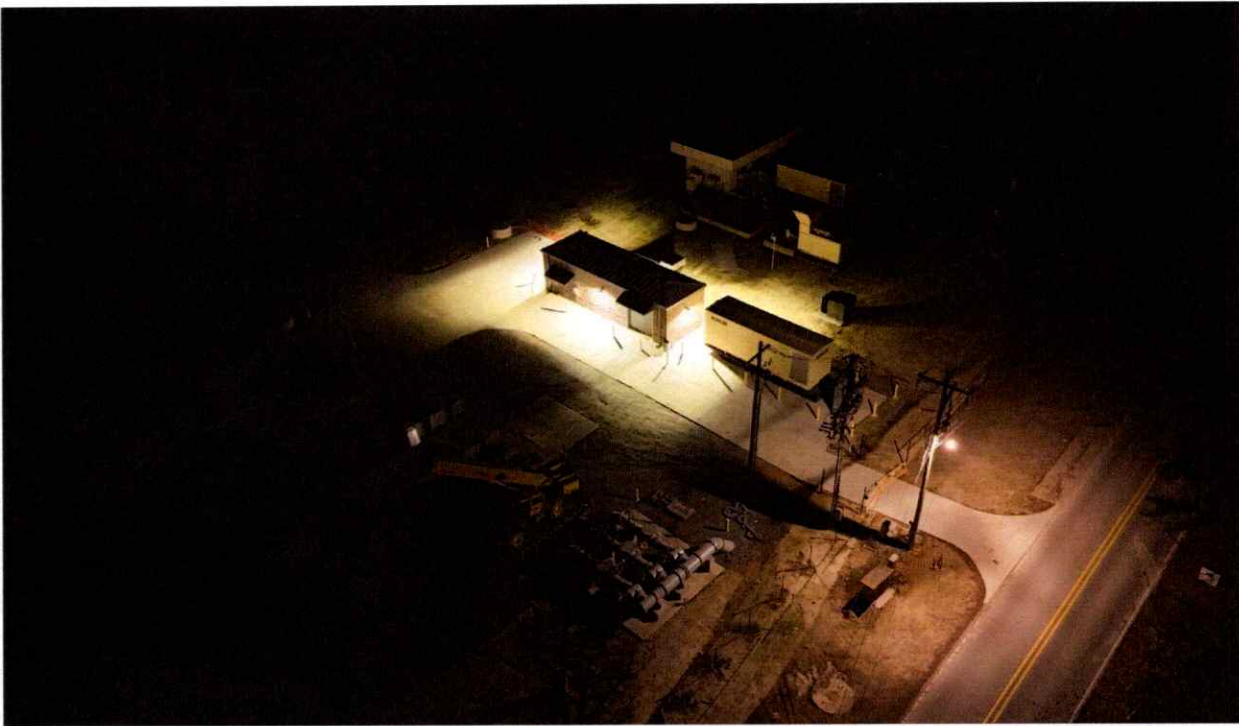
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Attachments: Photos of Construction in Progress

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Gulpha Pump Station Construction



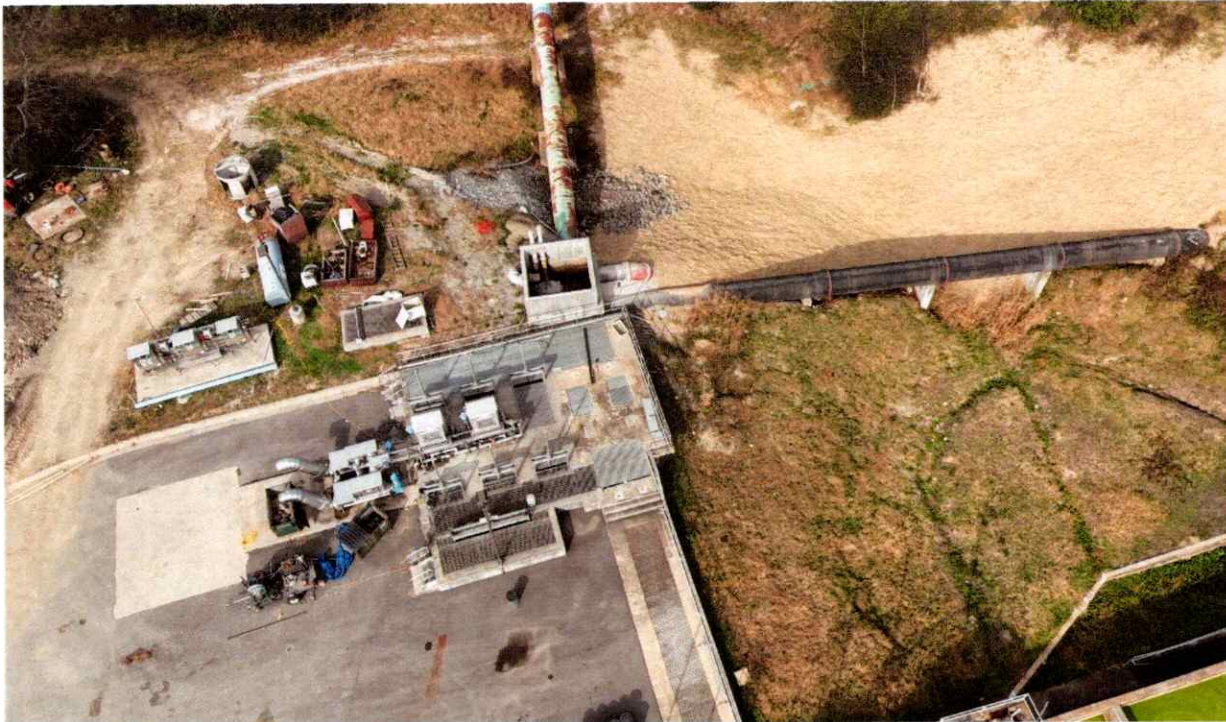
Gulpha Pump Station Construction



Davidson Drive WWTreatment Plant Clarifier under construction



Davidson Drive WWTreatment Plant – End of Force Main from Gulpha Pump Station



Davidson Drive WWTTP – End of Forcemain from Gulpha Pump Station



Davidson Drive WWTTP – Filter Pads for Two New Tertiary Filters



Davidson Drive WWTP Outfall Construction



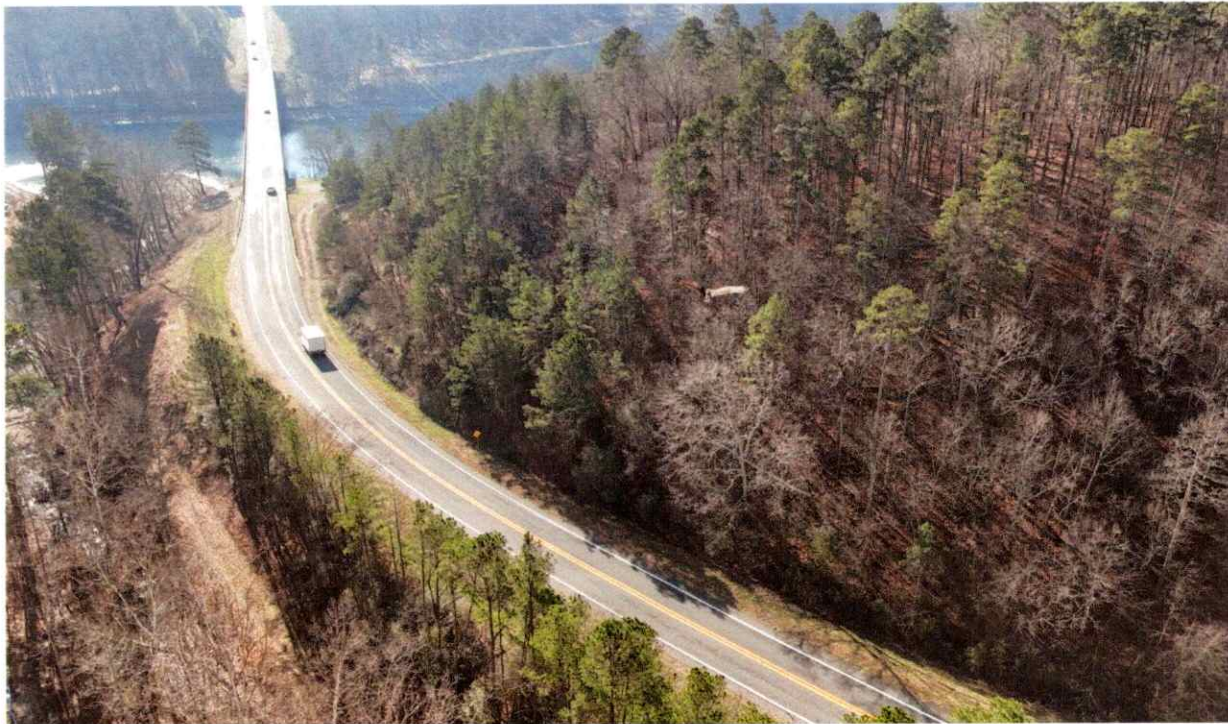
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