



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS

Utilities Department

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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
Update: Manhole 1748, Gulpha Sewer Basin Projects and Davidson Drive WWTP
Improvements

Dear Ms. Allen-Daniel,

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

Lower Gulpha Interceptor

Construction is moving along smoothly on the first section of the Gulpha Basin Gravity Sewer Interceptor, designed by RJN Group, Inc. Coakley Construction has finished clearing and grubbing the area and is now working on boring under Highway 270 (Malvern Avenue) and the Bypass. The project is expected to wrap up either late this year or early 2026.

Gulpha Pump Station Improvements

Crist Engineers, Inc. is overseeing both the engineering and construction management for the pump station improvements. Max Foote Construction Company, LLC is handling the build, which is now about 80% complete. End of construction is set for November 18, 2025. While the power transformers may not be in place at that date, the station will still be operational using generated power.

Gulpha Force Main

Hanson & McLaughlin, LLC is leading the engineering work for the force main that connects the pump station to the Davidson Drive treatment plant. Phase 2 is now complete, including installation of the 30-inch to 36-inch pipeline.

Davidson Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant and UV Disinfection Upgrade

Max Foote Construction Company, Inc. was awarded the CMAR contract for these upgrades, with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$34.56 million. Construction is progressing as scheduled, with completion expected by August 31, 2026.

System Performance

There were no sewer overflows (SSOs) reported in August.

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: Olsson Final Report – Summary of 2024 Field Data Collected in Lake Catherine, Arkansas (Filamentous Study)

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 Project Manager;
Consultants - Karl Hanson, Hanson McLaughlin; Chris Leathers, RJN Group; Craig Johnson, Crist Engineers; Elizabeth Heiles, Hawkins-Weir Engineers
