

## **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FINAL PERMITTING DECISION**

Permit No.: ARN640000

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The following is a DEQ correction regarding the draft general permit number referenced above and was developed in accordance with Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (PC&EC) Rule 8 (Administrative Procedures), codified at 8 CAR pt. 11, and Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-203(e)(2).

### **Introduction**

The above referenced general permit was published for public comment on March 8, 2026. The public comment period ended at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on April 7, 2026. No comments were received from the public.

**DEQ Comment:** DEQ has revised the expiration date to December 31, 2036, on the final renewal general permit. At public notice, the draft general permit listed the expiration date as March 31, 2032. The expiration date was revised since the general permit is a state no-discharge general permit, which can be issued for a duration not to exceed ten (10) years in accordance with Office of Water Quality (OWQ) policy. The expiration date of December 31 was selected to align the recertification process for water treatment plants that have coverage under a separate OWQ NPDES general permit ARG640000.