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Department of Environmental Quality

April 18, 2019

Cynthia J. Black, Mayor
City of Bethel Heights
530 Sunrise Drive
Bethel Heights, AR 72764

Re: City of Bethel Heights – Inadequate Response to Inspection
AFIN: 04-00630 Permit No.: 4725-WR-5

Dear Mayor Black:

I have reviewed your response pertaining to my February 12, 2019 inspection of the City of Bethel Heights wastewater treatment facility. Following my review I have determine the information provided does not sufficiently addresses the violations referenced in my inspection report. Please see the following comments:

Violation #2 – You indicated loading rates for each zone would be reported on the MMR for March 2019. How does the operator intend on monitoring the flow rates to each zone. During the inspection it was noted there may be one meter installed in a part of Zone 2, but it was unknown at the time if other meters existed. Were the meters for each zone located? If so, please provide a photograph of each meter for each zone and provide a GPS coordinate for each meter as well.

Violation #4 – Your response does not address the violation that Phase 4 was constructed according to the specifications submitted to the Department. As mentioned, Table 3 of the permit has 16 zones and that is consistent with Department records. However, as constructed, Phase 4 has 32 zones.

Violation #5 – Your response does not indicated when the City of Bethel Heights intends to make all of the corrective actions necessary to ensure no ponding or pooling continues at the two treatment plants.

Due to the significance of the violations I am referring this case to the Office of Water Quality Enforcement Branch for further review. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact email me at Bolenbaugh@adeq.state.ar.us or call at 501-682-0659.

Sincerely,



Jason Bolenbaugh
Compliance Branch Manager
Office of Water Quality