



Walter Wright, Jr.
wwright@mwlaw.com
(501) 688.8839

Land Application: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Amended Notice of Violation to Washington County, Arkansas Golf Course

Arkansas Environmental, Energy, and Water Law Blog

12/05/2016

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") issued an Amended Notice of Violation ("ANOV") alleging Valley View Golf, LLC ("VVG") violated certain Arkansas statutory provisions related to waters of the state. See DOCKET NO.: 16-003-NOV.

ADEQ previously issued a July 19th Notice of Violation ("NOV"). [See previous blog post here.](#)

The prior NOV stated that the Washington County Property Owners' Improvement District #5 ("Improvement District") operates a wastewater treatment facility that stores effluent in two storage ponds located on the golf course. It further stated that the wastes consisted of domestic wastewater produced from a housing subdivision and described the treatment process which includes an irrigation system for the golf course.

Treated effluent was stated to be stored in two storage ponds before application by a sprinkler system to irrigate the golf course. The system was stated to have been previously permitted but such permit expired on January 31, 2016.

The NOV referenced an ADEQ inspection of the Improvement District facility and an allegation that certain systems were not operational. A storage pond is alleged to have been overflowing into a golf course drain moving into the City of Farmington's Municipal Storm Sewer System. The overflow was alleged to flow subsequently through the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System allowing storm water to collect and move into an unnamed tributary flowing into the Illinois River. VVG was alleged to have not been permitted by ADEQ for the land application of effluent from the storage ponds located on the golf course.

The ANOV alleges that additional violations have occurred. The document alleges additional instances in which VVG irrigated the golf course.

VVG has filed a document styled "Response to Amended Notice of Violation and Request for Hearing" in response to the ANOV.

[A copy of the ANOV \(excluding the exhibits\) and the Response to Amended Notice of Violation and Request for Hearing can be downloaded here.](#)