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Pretreatment Enforcement/Clean Water Act: Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and Ripley Sorbent Product Manufacturer Enter into Agreed Order

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The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality ("MCEQ") and Oil Dri Production Company ("ODPC") entered into an October 21st Agreed Order ("AO") addressing alleged violations of a Clean Water Act Pretreatment Permit. See Order No. 7576 25.

The AO provides that ODPC holds a State Operating Pretreatment Permit for its facility in Ripley, Mississippi.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality is stated to have conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection at the facility on May 8th.

ODPC was subsequently notified of the following alleged violations:

- Conducted and reported sampling results for days the facility had no discharge in violations of Condition T-17.
- Failed to report a discharge for months in which a discharge had occurred in violation of Condition S-2.
- Failed to meet sampling and temperature requirements in violations of Condition T-21.
- Failed to maintain all sample monitoring results for the month of September 2023, in violation of Condition R-1.

ODPC is stated to have provide a letter on June 3rd acknowledging it understood the requirements of the Pretreatment Permit and asserted the violations will not occur in the future.

The AO assesses a civil penalty of \$26,300.00.

A copy of the AO can be downloaded [here](#).