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Wastewater Enforcement/Clean Water Act: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and City of Decatur, Arkansas Enter into Expedited Settlement Agreement

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and City Decatur, Arkansas entered into a November 20th Expedited Settlement Agreement ("ESA") addressing an alleged violation of the Clean Water Act. See Docket Number CWA-07-2025-0129.

The ESA provides that Decatur is subject to Section 405 of the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. 503 in that EPA has:

... jurisdiction over any "person" who "prepares sewage sludge" or "applies sewage sludge to the land". Respondent neither admits nor denies the violation(s) specified in the Form.

Decatur is alleged to have failed to comply with Section 405 of the Clean Water Act and/or 40 C.F.R. 503, Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge, which regulate the disposal of sewage sludge.

Decatur neither admits nor denies the violation specified.

The ESA assesses a civil penalty of \$1,000.00.

A copy of the ESA can be found [here](#).