Stormwater Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality and Batesville Salvage/Recycling Facility Enter into Consent Administrative Order



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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and Pfieffer One Stop, Inc. ("POS") entered into a December 9, 2025 Consent Administrative Order ("CAO") addressing alleged violations of a Clean Water Act National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Industrial Stormwater General Permit ("IGP"). See LIS No. 25-079.

The CAO provides that POS operates a salvage and recycling facility in Batesville, Arkansas.

The facility is stated to be regulated pursuant to a Clean Water Act NPDES Permit. Further, ADEQ is stated to have issued an NPDES IGP to POS on March 7, 2019.

ADEQ is stated to have received an anonymous complaint in 2022 that vehicle fluids were spilled over the ground at the facility.

An industrial stormwater inspection is stated to have taken place on March 28, 2022, which allegedly identified the following violations:

- Vehicle fluids were observed on the ground in several locations around the facility in violation of Part 3 of the IGP and in locations where they are likely to cause pollution to waters of the state.
- Failure to have a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") or associated documents.

POS is stated to have provided inadequate responses to ADEQ queries regarding the inspection. On April 30, 2025, POS is stated to have notified ADEQ that they could not locate the records from 2021 or 2022, but stated they were working on getting the SWPPP updated. Further correspondence indicated that POS still could not locate any of the requested documents.

The CAO requires that within 30 days of the effective date of the CAO that POS submit an adequate response to the previously referenced inspection. The response is required to include a number of items detailed in the CAO. If any of the documentation from 2021-2024 cannot be provided because it was not performed, POS is required to submit a detailed report of the corrective actions that will take place to ensure that the facility is in compliance with Part 4 of the IGP.

A civil penalty of $6,800 is assessed, which could have been reduced by one-half if the CAO was signed and returned to ADEQ within 20 calendar days of its receipt.

A copy of the CAO can be found here.