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Wastewater Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality and Little Rock Non-Municipal Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Enter Into Consent Administrative Order

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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and Tisdale Properties & Development LLC, ("TPD") entered into a July 2nd Consent Administrative Order ("CAO") addressing an alleged violation of a Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit. See Case #: CAO-26-0035.

The CAO provides that TPD operates a non-municipal domestic wastewater treatment plant in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The plant is stated to operate pursuant to an NPDES Permit. Such Permit authorizes discharge of treat domestic wastewater and restaurant water into an unnamed tributary of the Little Maumelle River, which flows into the Arkansas River.

The CAO provides that on September 30, 2024, December 31, 2024, and March 6, 2025, that ADEQ notified TPD that the NPDES Permit would expire on September 30, 2025 and to continue the regulated activity a complete renewal application must be submitted no later than April 3, 2025.

TPD submitted a permit renewal application on April 17, 2025, with all additional information received by June 10, 2025. Therefore, TPD is stated to have failed to submit a complete permit renewal application at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the permit.

The CAO requires that TPD comply with the NPDES Permit until the effective date of the renewal permit or the effective date of the permit termination. Further, a civil penalty of \$1,000 is assessed, which could have been reduced to \$500 if the document was signed and returned to ADEQ within 20 calendar days of its receipt.

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