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Wastewater Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality and Craighead County Municipality Enter Into Consent Administrative Order

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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and the City of Egypt, Arkansas ("Egypt") entered into a September 21st Consent Administrative Order ("CAO") addressing an alleged violation of a Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit. See Case #: CAO-26-0070.

The CAO provides that Egypt operates a publicly owned treatment works located in Craighead County, Arkansas.

The municipal facility discharges treated wastewater pursuant to an NPDES Permit to an unnamed tributary, which eventually flows to the White River.

The CAO alleges the following violation:

- Failure to submit a complete permit renewal application at least 180 days before the expiration date of the permit.

Egypt is stated to have not submitted a complete permit renewal application to date.

The CAO requires that on or before the effective date of the document that Egypt submit a complete NPDES Permit renewal application to ADEQ. Further, Egypt is required to comply with the current Permit until the effective date of the Permit renewal or the effective date of the Permit termination.

A civil penalty of \$1,000 is assessed, which could have been reduced by one-half 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](#).