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



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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and City of Marvell, Arkansas ("Marvell") 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-26-0054.

The CAO provides Marvell operates a publicly owned treatment works located in Phillips County, Arkansas.

The facility is stated to discharge treated municipal wastewater pursuant to an NPDES Permit to Big Creek, 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.

A complete permit renewal application was due by September 1, 2025. Marvell submitted an incomplete permit renewal application on November 6, 2025. Marvell then submitted all additional information necessary by March 3, 2026, and on March 11, 2026, the agency notified the city that the renewal application was deemed complete.

The CAO requires that Marvell comply with the current NPDES Permit until the effective date of the renewal permit or the effective date of the permit termination.

The CAO assesses a civil penalty of $1,000.

A copy of the CAO can be found here.