



DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Honorable Stephanie Orman, Mayor
City of Bentonville
1000 SW 14th Street
Bentonville, AR 72712

RE: NPDES Permit No. **AR0022403**, AFIN: **04-00154**
City of Bentonville
Request for Sales Tax Exemption

Dear Mayor Orman:

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed your letter dated October 28, 2024, requesting a sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment used in prevention and reduction of water pollution from Bentonville Water Resources Recovery Facility. Based on our review, the following items qualify as water pollution control machinery and equipment:

- Bar Screens
- Grit Removal and Washing System
- Large Bubble Mixing System
- Secondary Clarifier Mechanism and Clarifier Baffles
- Pile Cloth Media Tertiary Filters
- UV Disinfection Equipment
- Post-Aeration Blowers and Diffusers
- Process Pumps
- Effluent Pumps
- Electromagnetic flow meters for process control
- Parshall Flume
- Odor Control Equipment for the Influent Building
- Piping, fittings, slide gates, weir gates, actuators, and valves required for installation of the exempt equipment
- Concrete, masonry, coatings, metals, doors, windows, hoists, and hatches required for installation and operation of the existing equipment
- Electrical equipment including instrumentation and controls required for the installation and operation of the treatment facility

The DEQ has determined that the above items are necessary to prevent or reduce water pollution that might otherwise result from the operation of this facility and to comply with a permit issued by DEQ. This letter serves as the documentation required by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Rule GR-66 for a sales or use tax exemption under Ark. Code Ann. § 26-52-402.

This letter does not purport to make any determination or recommendation pursuant to GR-66 on the tax exempt status of an item listed. Please be advised that GR-66 identifies specific items as taxable that are necessary to prevent or reduce water pollution that might otherwise result from the operation of this facility and to comply with a permit issued by DEQ.

The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration administers this tax exemption and determines which specific items in your proposal qualify for this tax exemption.

If you have any questions, please call the DFA Revenue Legal Division at (501) 682-7030 or Jessica Sears, P.E., Senior Operations Manager of the Office of Water Quality at (501) 682-0650.

Sincerely,



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