



## American Recover and Reinvestment Act of 2009

### Section 1511 Certification



I, J. Randy Young PE, Executive Director of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, am the chief executive officer of the Commission and pursuant to ARRA Section 1511 make the following certification.

The investment in infrastructure projects listed below has received the full review and vetting required by law. I, in my official capacity, have determined and accept the responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

### Central Arkansas Water - Water Project

Funding Source: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Communities Served: Little Rock, North Little Rock, Bryant, Sherwood, Jacksonville

Estimated Total Costs: \$13,400,000.00

Estimated ARRA Funds: \$2,535,000.00

Description of Project Need: Central Arkansas Water plans to convert their disinfection process from gas chlorination to sodium hypochlorite due to safety and compliance concerns. They also plan to add additional chemical storage facilities, replace water lines and add water storage tanks in the distribution system.

Description of Project Goal: The project will allow Central Arkansas Water to maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. It will also provide infrastructure that will last in some cases for the next 40 years.

## **Newport Wastewater Project**

Funding Source: Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Location: Newport, Arkansas

Communities Served: Newport, Arkansas

Estimated Total Costs: \$2,115,000.00

Estimated ARRA Funds: \$2,115,000.00

Description of Project Need: Newport uses lagoons to treat its wastewater and the lagoons have been in service for many years. Sludge has accumulated in the lagoons to the extent that it is exposed in some areas. This has led to odor problems and complaints from area citizens. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has issued a Consent Administrative Order requiring Newport to correct problems. Newport plans to completely change the flow of water through the lagoons and increase the aeration capacity. This should eliminate the odor problems and reduce the production of sludge.

Description of Project Goal: The project will bring Newport into compliance with the Clean Water Act. It will also provide infrastructure that will last in some cases for the next 40 years.

Certified this 16th day of September, 2009.

J. Randy Young, PE  
Executive Director  
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