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Indirect Discharge Enforcement: Alabama Department of Environmental Management and Birmingham Industrial Laundry Operation Operator Enter into Consent Order

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The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (“ADEM”) and Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel, LLC, (“Aramark”) entered into a Consent Order (“CO”) addressing an alleged violation of a State Indirect Discharge (“SID”) permit.

The CO provides that Aramark operates an industrial laundry operation (“Facility”) in Birmingham, Alabama.

ADEM is stated to have issued State Indirect Discharge Permit No. IU393700335 (“Permit”) to Aramark on May 22, 2018.

The SID Permit establishes limitations on the discharge of pollutants from a point source into the Village Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. It includes requirements for Aramark to monitor its discharges and submit periodic Discharge Monitoring Reports (“DMRs”) to ADEM. Further, Aramark is required to properly operate and maintain the facilities and systems of treatment and control to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit.

The CO states that the DMRs submitted to ADEM by Aramark indicate that pollutants have been discharged in violation of the limits imposed by the Permit. Further, it indicates that DMRs have been received later than required. Written reports or noncompliance notification forms are also stated to have not been submitted in a timely manner for certain effluent violations.

ADEM is stated to have conducted a Compliance Sampling Inspection (“CSI”) of the Facility on April 10, 2018. Such sampling is stated to have indicated that the Facility exceeded the daily maximum limitation for pH. An additional CSI is stated to have been conducted on July 30, 2019, which indicated that the daily maximum limitation for pH was exceeded.

ADEM is stated to have received on February 19, 2019, Aramark’s Engineering Report stating that changes in personnel, regular maintenance and adherence to operational protocols, and weekly calibration of the pH sensor would return the Facility to compliance. Such changes are stated to have already been implemented.

The CO assesses a civil penalty of \$10,000.

A copy of the CO can be downloaded [here](#).