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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Joseph D. Jaco  
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Re: Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Completion Report  
City of Columbia Consent Decree  
Civil Action No.: 3:13-2429-TLW

Dear Mr. Jaco:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) are in receipt of the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) completion report for the City of Columbia (City), pursuant to Paragraph 31 of the Consent Decree above. After consultation with DHEC, the EPA and DHEC hereby accept the SEP completion report submittal from the City as satisfactorily meeting the SEP requirements of the Consent Decree (CD).

The EPA notes that, in accordance with Section VIII, Paragraph 30 (d) of the above CD, any project that the City was planning or intends to construct, perform or implement other than in settlement of the claims resolved in the above CD are not eligible to be included as part of the SEP. It is not clear whether the MLK Park project the City included in the list of SEP projects meets this standard. However, the EPA is approving the SEP completion report with consideration that the removal of the MLK Park project would still satisfy the requirements of the CD since the City has spent more than the minimum dollar commitment on the remaining SEP projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Elliott, at (404) 562-8691 or via email at [elliott.richard@epa.gov](mailto:elliott.richard@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

*for David R. Phillips*

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