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MAY 23 2016

Mr. Joseph D. Jaco
Director, Utilities & Engineering
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 147
Columbia, South Carolina 29217

Re: Approval Letter for Consent Decree Submittals
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 (SC DHEC) have reviewed and hereby approves the following submittals from the City of Columbia (City), pursuant to Paragraphs 11, 12 and 14 of the above Consent Decree.

After consultation with the SC DHEC, the EPA approves the following submittals:

- Continuing Sewer Assessment Program (CSAP) (CD Paragraph 14)
- Gravity Sewer System Operation and Maintenance Program (GSOMP) (CD Paragraph 12.i)
- Contingency and Emergency Response Plan (CERP) (CD Paragraph 12.b)
- WWTP Operations Program (CD Paragraph 11.b)
- Wastewater Collection and Transmission System Training Program (CD Paragraph 12.c)
- Information Management System Program (CD Paragraph 12.d)
- Financial Analysis Program (CD Paragraph 12.j)

The EPA notes that the current schedules for implementation of the above programs may change when the EPA makes a determination on the pending Force Majeure notice and request submitted by the City on March 24, 2016. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Elliott, of my staff, at (404) 562-8691 or via email at elliott.richard@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Alenda E. Johnson, Acting Chief
Municipal and Industrial Enforcement Section
NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch

cc: See Attached Mailing List