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Re: United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-0024 Annual Work Progress Report No. 18 – January 2024 to December 2024

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

On behalf of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee ("City"), and in accordance with the consent decree entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (Southern Division), on April 24, 2013, in the case styled the United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-0024 ("Consent Decree"), we are submitting to both the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") the seventeenth annual work progress report required pursuant to paragraph 39 of the Consent Decree. This report is also being submitted in accordance with the letter from Denise Diaz, dated September 16, 2013, establishing the dates for reporting under the Consent Decree.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering such information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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Please let me know if you have any questions regarding our submittal.

Sincerely,

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ARAP Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit

CAP Capacity Assurance Program

CD Consent Decree

CIPP Cured in Place Pipe

CMOM Capacity, Management, Operations, and Management

CSO Combined Sewer Overflow

CSOTF Combined Sewer Overflow Treatment Facility

CSS Combined Sewer System

EFT Electronic Funds Transfer

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

ESIP Enterprise South Industrial Park

FOG Fats, Oils, and Grease

FSE Food Service Establishments

GLPMP Gravity Line Preventative Maintenance Program

HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

I/I Inflow and Infiltration

IPS Influent Pump Station

ISS Interceptor Sewer System

LF Linear Feet

LTCP Long Term Control Plan

MBWWTP Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant

MBEC Moccasin Bend Environmental Campus

MCC Motor Control Center

MGD Million Gallons per Day

N/A Not Applicable

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NPDES National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

NTP Notice to Proceed

PCP Process Controls Program

PCCMP Post Construction Compliance Monitoring Program

PDR Public Document Repository

PLC Programmable Logic Controller

PS Pump Station

PSOP Pump Station Operations Program

PSPMP Pump Station Preventive Maintenance Program

RDII Rain-derived Infiltration and Inflow

RFQ Request for Quotation

SCADA Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

SOP Standard Operating Procedure

SORP Sewer Overflow Response Protocol

SRF State Revolving Funds

SSES Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study

SSO Sanitary Sewer Overflow

SUO Sewer Use Ordinance

TCWN Tennessee Clean Water Network

TDEC Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

TDOT Tennessee Department of Transportation

USDOJ United States Department of Justice

VFD Variable Frequency Drive

WCTS Waste Collection and Transmission System

WWD Wastewater Department

WWTA Wastewater Treatment Authority

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1. Executive Summary

On April 24, 2013, the City of Chattanooga ("City") entered into a consent decree with the United States and the State of Tennessee, in the case styled *United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-00245* ("CD"). This Annual Work Progress Report ("Report") has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 39 of the CD. In accordance with the CD, this Report presents the major milestones achieved in the last 12 months and also provides projections for activities anticipated to be completed in the following 12 months. This Report presents milestones achieved from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2024 ("Report Period"), and the projections cover the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

In 2023, Chattanooga and EPA entered into a modification on December 4, 2023, which was filed with the Court on May 14, 2024 ("First Material CD Modification"). This First Material CD Modification changed the schedule for a number of existing requirements, along with adding new projects. These changes and additions are highlighted throughout the report below.

During the Report Period, the City developed and submitted the deliverables that are listed in Table 1-1 to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") for review and approval. This information is also presented in Gantt chart format in Appendix A.

Table 1-1

Completed Projects and Submitted Consent Decree Deliverables for the Current Reporting Period

CD Projects and Deliverables	CD Reference	CD Deadline	Submittal Date/ Completion Date
Quarterly Report No. 42	Section IX., para 38	1/31/2024	1/31/2024
Quarterly Report No. 43	Section IX., para 38	4/30/2024	4/30/2024
Quarterly Report No. 44	Section IX., para 38	7/31/2024	7/31/2024
Quarterly Report No. 45	Section IX., para 38	10/31/2024	10/31/2024
Annual Work Progress Report No. 17	Section IX., para 39	1/31/2024	1/31/2024
Annual Report 11	Section IX., para 40	2/28/2024	2/28/2024

Table 1-2 lists the projects and deliverables that the City expects to complete during the upcoming annual period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This information is also available in Gantt chart format in Appendix A.

Table 1-2Anticipated Completed Projects and Consent Decree Deliverables for the Next Reporting Period

CD Projects and Deliverables	CD Reference	CD Deadline	Anticipated Submittal/ Completion Date
Quarterly Report No. 46	Section IX., para 38	1/31/2025	1/31/2025
Quarterly Report No. 47	Section IX., para 38	4/30/2025	4/30/2025
Quarterly Report No. 48	Section IX., para 38	7/31/2025	7/31/2025
Quarterly Report No. 49	Section IX., para 38	10/31/2025	10/31/2025
Annual Work Progress Report No. 18	Section IX., para 39	1/31/2025	1/31/2025
Annual Report 12	Section IX., para 40	2/28/2025	2/28/2025

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2.Introduction

2.1 Purpose

Pursuant to Section IX, paragraph 39, of the CD, the City is required to submit work progress reports on an annual basis to the EPA and TDEC. Chattanooga has prepared this Report to satisfy this reporting requirement.

2.2 Requirements

As detailed in Section IX of the CD, the City is required to report the following information concerning compliance with the remedial actions set forth under the CD:

- 1. A description of projects and activities completed and milestones achieved during the previous 12-month period pursuant to the requirements of the CD, in Gantt chart or similar format, including a description of compliance or non-compliance with the requirements of the CD and, if applicable, the reasons for non-compliance;
- A summary of significant projects and activities anticipated to be performed, and milestones anticipated to be achieved, in the successive 12-month period to comply with the requirements of the CD, in Gantt chart or similar format; and
- 3. Any additional information the City determines is appropriate to demonstrate that the City is implementing the remedial actions required under the CD in an adequate and timely manner.

2.3 Report Structure

Work progress is presented in the body of the Report in a narrative format. This narrative includes a brief description of each CD project, as well as any activities completed or milestones that were achieved or are anticipated to be completed. In addition to these descriptions, a detailed schedule containing each of the projects in Gantt format is provided in Appendix A.

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3. Work Progress

3.1 Capacity, Management, Operations and Management ("CMOM") Programs (¶20) (completed)

3.1.1 CMOM-Sewer Overflow Response Protocol ("SORP") (¶20.a) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

3.1.2 CMOM-Emergency Response Plan (¶20.b) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

3.1.3 CMOM-FOG Mgmt. Plan (¶20.c) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016. A revised FOG Plan was submitted to the EPA on September 28, 2016 and approved on December 7, 2016.

3.1.4 CMOM-Gravity Line Preventive Maintenance Program ("GLPMP") (¶20.d) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

3.1.5 CMOM-PS Operations Program ("PSOP") (¶20.e) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

3.1.6 CMOM-PS Preventive Maintenance Program ("PSPMP") (¶20.f) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

3.1.7 CMOM-Hydraulic Model Development (¶20.g) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 6 submitted July 27, 2016.

3.1.8 CMOM-Capacity Assurance Program ("CAP") (¶20.h) (completed)

This CAP report has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 7 submitted January 25, 2017. We note that the requirement for Capacity Certifications under ¶20.h.ii., was extended by the First Material CD Modification to "sixty (60) Months after the Effective Date of the First Material Modification to this Consent Decree."

3.1.9 CMOM-Inter-Jurisdictional Agreement ("IJA") Program (¶20.i) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 4 submitted July 24, 2015.

3.2 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study ("SSES") Work Plan (¶21)

SSES Work Plan (¶21.a) (completed)

According to paragraph 21.a. of the Consent Decree, "Within nineteen (19) Months after the Effective Date of this Consent Decree, Chattanooga shall submit to EPA and TDEC for review and comment a SSES Work Plan." This deliverable was due on November 24, 2014, and Chattanooga submitted it early on November 18, 2014.

Phase I SSES (¶21.b) (completed)

EPA approved the SSES Work Plan on July 10, 2015, which required all of the Phase I SSES work (involving the five following sewersheds: Chattanooga Creek 4; Dobbs Branch 3; South Chickamauga Creek 1; South Chickamauga Creek 5; and South Chickamauga Creek 16) to be completed under the plan by July 10, 2020, in accordance with paragraph 21.b. of the Consent Decree. All of the work under the Phase I SSES Work Plan was completed by that date (in fact, it was completed by January 29, 2019) as set forth as follows:

3.2.1 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-Chattanooga Creek 4 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

3.2.2 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-Dobbs Branch 3 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

3.2.3 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-South Chickamauga Creek 1 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 11 submitted January 29, 2019.

3.2.4 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-South Chickamauga Creek 5 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 11 submitted January 29, 2019.

3.2.5 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-South Chickamauga Creek 16 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016. We also note that this work was also completed in conjunction with related work in and adjacent to this basin involving the Early Action Capital Improvement Project #3.3.1.3 below (East Brainerd Collection System and PS Rehabilitation). See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

Phase II SSES (¶21.b)

According to paragraph 21.b. of the Consent Decree "SSES Phase II shall be completed for the remaining twenty-four (24) Sewersheds, as shown on the map attached hereto as Appendix A, within fifteen (15) years after EPA"s approval of the SSES Work Plan." Based on the approval date of the SSES Work Plan by EPA, the due date is July 10, 2030. Chattanooga has begun work on Phase II, as outlined below. Four of these sewersheds have already been completed in Phase I in conjunction with related work in and adjacent to this basin involving Early Action Capital Improvement Projects and others have started. The status of the remaining twenty-one (20) basins is provided below.

3.2.6 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-Tennessee River 10 (completed)

This project was completed as part of Early Action Capital Improvement Project #3.3.1.1 below (DuPont Pump Station and Basin Improvements – Phase 1).

3.2.7 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-Dobbs Branch 6 (completed)

This project was completed as part of Early Action Capital Improvement Project #3.3.1.7 below (Highland Park Sewer Rehabilitation).

3.2.8 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-Friars Branch 13 (completed)

This project was completed as part of Early Action Capital Improvement Project #3.3.1.13 below (Friars Branch Basin Improvements).

3.2.9 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-Mackey Branch 5 (completed)

This project was completed as part of Early Action Capital Improvement Project #3.3.1.3 below (East Brainerd Collection System and PS Rehabilitation).

The following provides the status of the 24 SSES & Rehab Phase II sewersheds.

#	Phase II Sewersheds	Status
1	Tennessee River 10	Completed – See 3.2.6
2	Dobbs Branch 6	Completed – See 3.2.7
3	Friars Branch 13	Completed – See 3.2.8
4	Mackey Branch 5	Completed – See 3.2.9
5	Tennessee River 8	Final Completion
6	South Chick Creek 9	Final Completion
7	Tennessee River 5	Final Completion
8	Lookout Creek 3	In Progress
9	Chattanooga Creek 2	In Progress
10	Chattanooga Creek 3	In Progress
11	Tennessee River 6	In Progress
12	Dobbs Branch 1	In Progress
13	Citico Creek 4	In Progress
14	Chattanooga Creek 6	In Progress
15	Dobbs Branch 2	In Progress

16	Mountain Creek 2	In Progress
17	Citico Creek 3	Not Started
18	Chattanooga Creek 1	Not Started
19	Citico Creek 2	Not Started
20	South Chick Creek 11	Not Started
21	Citico Creek 5	Not Started
22	Chattanooga Creek 5	Not Started
23	South Chick Creek 15	Not Started
24	Friars Branch 15	Not Started

3.3 Early Action Capital Improvement Projects (¶22)

3.3.1 SSO and Wet Weather Volume Reduction Projects

3.3.1.1 DuPont Pump Station and Basin Improvements – Phase 1 (completed) and Phase 2 (completed)

The DuPont Pump Station ("PS") and Basin Improvements Phase 1 and 2 projects are being performed pursuant to Paragraph 22 and Appendix C of the CD.

<u>Phase 1</u> This work has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

<u>Phase 2</u> This work has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 17 submitted January 31st 2024.

3.3.1.2 Collegedale Pump Station Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 7 submitted January 25, 2017.

3.3.1.3 East Brainerd Collection System and Pump Station Rehabilitation (completed)

<u>Collections System Rehabilitation</u>- This work has been completed. See Semi-Annual Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

<u>PS Rehabilitation</u>- This work has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

3.3.1.4 Altamont Sewer Basin and Pump Station Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 2 submitted July 28, 2014.

3.3.1.5 Pineville Pump Station and Sewer Basin Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 3 submitted January 27, 2015.

3.3.1.6 Citico Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 2 submitted July 28, 2014.

3.3.1.7 Highland Park Sewer Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 9 submitted January 29, 2018.

3.3.1.8 Citico CSOTF Pump Station Improvement Study (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 3 submitted January 27, 2015.

3.3.1.9 Tremont Area Sewer Separation Study (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 2 submitted July 28, 2014.

3.3.1.10 Enterprise South Industrial Park ("ESIP") Pump Station, Force Main and Interceptor Upgrade (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 8 submitted July 26, 2017.

3.3.1.11 Orchard Knob Pump Station Improvements (completed)

This work has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

3.3.1.12 Friars Branch Pump Station Improvements (completed)

This project has been substantial completed. See Semi-Annual Work Process Report No.12 submitted July 31, 2019.

3.3.1.13 Friars Branch Basin Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 11 submitted January 29, 2019.

3.3.1.14 Chattanooga Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 6 submitted July 27, 2016.

3.3.1.15 Tannery Flats Interceptor Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 6 submitted July 27, 2016.

3.3.1.16 East Bank/West Bank ("EB/WB") Flow Monitoring (complete)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 6 submitted July 27, 2016.

3.3.1.17 Environmental and Economic Infrastructure Improvement Plan ("E2I2") SSO Abatement Program

The following three projects were added to the Consent Decree as part of the First Material CD Modification:

No	Project	Description	Status
16	e2i2 – Lee Highway	This project is described in detail in the e2i2 Agreement, as amended. The main features of this project are to perform a flow analysis to determine a basis of design and install a wet weather pump station, storage tank to equalize wet weather flows, and upgrade gravity sewer and other appurtenances.	A Design-Build team was selected and an NTP issued on July 26, 2023. The construction began in the second half of 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2027
17	e2i2 – East Ridge	This project is described in detail in the e2i2 Agreement, as amended. The main features of this project are to perform a flow analysis to determine a basis of design and install a wet weather pump station, storage tanks to equalize wet weather flows, and upgrade gravity sewer and other appurtenances.	A Design-Build team was selected and an NTP issued on July 26, 2023. The construction began in the second half of 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2027
18	e2i2 – Signal Mountain/Red Bank	This project is described in detail in the e2i2 Agreement, as amended. The main features of this project are to perform a flow analysis to allow for the upgrade of gravity sewers and other appurtenances and to determine a basis of design and install wet weather pump station(s) and storage tank(s) to equalize wet weather flows from Red Bank and potentially flows from the Signal Mountain POTW.	We note that Chattanooga did NOT receive notification by July 1, 2024, that WWTA will decommission the Signal Mountain plant. Therefore, Chattanooga shall not be required to manage any Signal Mountain W WTP flows through this project.

If Chattanooga has received notification by July 1, 2024, that WWTA will decommission the Signal Mountain plant and send Signal Mountain flow to Chattanooga, this project shall be sized, designed and constructed to accommodate Red Bank flows and flows from the Signal Mountain WWTP, as described in the e2i2 Agreement, as amended.

If Chattanooga has not received notification by July 1, 2024, that WWTA will decommission the Signal Mountain plant and send Signal Mountain flows to Chattanooga, this project, if necessary, shall be sized, designed and constructed to accommodate Red Bank flows, as described in the e2i2 Agreement, as amended, and Chattanooga shall not be required to manage any Signal Mountain W WTP flows through this project.

3.3.2 MBWWTP Projects (completed)

3.3.2.1 MBWWTP Secondary Clarifier Valve Motor Operator Replacement (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 8 submitted July 26, 2017.

3.3.2.2 MBWWTP Hydraulic and Pump Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 8 submitted July 26, 2017.

3.3.2.3 MBWWTP Bar and Fine Screen Replacements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 8 submitted July 26, 2017.

3.3.2.4 MBWWTP Effluent Disinfection System Upgrade (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 6 submitted July 27, 2016.

3.3.3 CSO Projects (completed)

3.3.3.1 Carter Street CSOTF Sewer Outfall Replacement (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 6 submitted July 27, 2016.

3.3.3.2 Automation of Valve Operators at CSO Facilities (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 1 submitted January 30, 2014.

3.3.4 Operations Projects (completed)

3.3.4.1 South Chickamauga Pump Station Reliability Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 1 submitted January 30, 2014.

3.3.4.2 MBWWTP Telemetry and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") Upgrades (Completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 9 submitted January 29, 2018.

3.4 East Bank/West Bank Outfall Assessment and Rehabilitation Plan (¶23)

This paragraph was modified by the First Material CD Modification. According to the modified Paragraph 23 of the Consent Decree:

Chattanooga's WCTS has experienced SSOs containing large volumes of wet weather flow from the SSS at unpermitted outfalls known as the East Bank Outfall and the West Bank Outfall. Based on previous investigations, Chattanooga contends that the SSOs from these unpermitted outfalls will be eliminated through the reduction of I/I in the WCTS as a result of implementation of the Inter-jurisdictional Agreement Program, SSES Phase I, and the Early Action Capital Improvement Projects. However, in the event that either the East Bank Outfall or the West Bank Outfall experiences an SSO within a 12-month period commencing sixty (60) Months from Effective Date of the First Material Modification, Chattanooga shall submit to EPA and TDEC for review and comment within seven (7) Months after such SSO event (that occurs during that 12-month period) an East Bank/West Bank Assessment and Rehabilitation Plan to eliminate SSOs from these unpermitted outfalls. The Parties acknowledge that this Plan may include a proposal by Chattanooga to have the East Bank and/or West Bank Outfall permitted as a CSO Outfall. The East Bank/West Bank Assessment and Rehabilitation Plan shall include expeditious schedules for specific assessment and rehabilitation projects for the elimination of the SSOs and/or the potential permitting of the East Bank and/or West Bank Outfall as a CSO Outfall. Such expeditious schedules shall not exceed seven (7) years after EPA approves the East Bank/West Bank Assessment and Rehabilitation Plan.

Thus, the 12-month period for SSOs does not begin until at least another sixty (60) months.

3.5 Long Term Control Plan ("LTCP") Updates (¶24)

3.5.1 LTCP-Additional Operational Plan ("AOP") for Chattanooga Creek CSO Outfalls (¶24.a) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 9 submitted January 29, 2018.

3.5.2 LTCP – AOP Implementation (¶24.a) (completed)

This project was completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 16 submitted January 31, 2023. A final letter documenting the force majeure was sent to EPA on July 11, 2023.

3.5.3 LTCP-Post Construction Compliance Monitoring Program (¶24.b) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 3 submitted January 27, 2015.

3.5.4 Maximizing Treatment at MBWWTP (¶24.c) (completed).

According to paragraph 24.c. of the Consent Decree, "in the event that a Bypass occurs within the first (1st) year following completion of SSES Phase I and the Early Action Capital Improvement Projects, Chattanooga shall submit to EPA and TDEC for review and comment within twelve (12) Months after such Bypass event a Feasible Alternatives Analysis in accordance with Section II.C.7 of the CSO Control Policy." (emphasis added). The Early Action Capital Improvement Projects were completed in May 2023, and there were no Bypass events for the 12-month period following that date (between June 2023 and May 2024). Therefore, the requirement to conduct a Feasible Alternatives Analysis was not triggered and this requirement has been completed.

3.6 MBWWTP Process Controls Program (¶25) (completed).

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 3 submitted January 27, 2015.

3.7 Green Infrastructure ("GI") Program Plan for CSS Basins (¶26) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 5 submitted January 27, 2016.

3.8 Civil Penalty (¶28-30) (completed)

Compliance with Section VII of the CD requires the payment of the sum of \$476,400 as a civil penalty. Payment of the civil penalty is to be made as follows:

- Cash Payment – 50% of the civil penalty (\$238,200) is to be paid to the United States by FedWire Electronic Funds Transfer. This payment was made to EPA on May 17, 2013.

- State Project – the remaining 50% of the civil penalty is to be spent on the state project in accordance to Appendix D of the CD.

3.8.1 Cash Payment (¶29) (completed)

In accordance with Paragraph 29 of the CD, the cash payment of \$238,200 was made to EPA on May 17, 2013.

3.8.2 Highland Park GI Demonstration Project (¶30) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 11 submitted January 29, 2019.

3.9 Agawela Drive Stream Restoration – SEP (¶31-37) (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 10 submitted July 30, 2018.

3.10 Reporting Requirements (¶38-40)

Compliance with Section IX of the CD requires the City to submit the following reports on a calendar schedule:

- Quarterly Reports (¶38), including detailed information on Chattanooga's SSOs, CSO discharges and bypasses at the MBEC;
- Annual Work Progress Reports (¶39), including CD deliverable milestones achieved in the last 12 months and projections for activities anticipated to be completed in the following 12 months; and
- <u>Annual Reports (¶40)</u>, including trends and analyses of the results of the Chattanooga CD programs including CMOM and SSO reduction programs.

To date, the following reports have been submitted to the EPA:

- Quarterly Reports 1 45;
- Semi-Annual Work Progress Reports 1 13;
- Annual Work Progress Report 14 17; and
- Annual Reports 1 11.

The following reports will be submitted to the EPA during (or shortly after) the next Reporting Period:

- Quarterly Reports 46 49;
- Annual Work Progress Report 18, and
- Annual Report 12.

3.11 Stipulated Penalties (¶46-55)

Paragraph 48 of the CD sets forth the nine categories of CD violations or milestones subject to stipulated penalties under the CD. There were no demands for stipulated penalties from EPA during this reporting period.

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4. Additional Work (¶39)

According to paragraph 39(c) of the CD, the City is required to include in this Report "any additional information Chattanooga determines is appropriate to demonstrate that Chattanooga is implementing the remedial actions required under this Consent Decree in an adequate and timely manner." The purpose of this section is to address this requirement of the CD.

In addition to the work progress achieved in accordance with the CD as described in the previous sections, the City continued to implement remedial and improvement efforts under the existing Capital Improvement Program during the Reporting Period. The work described below is aimed at assessing and improving Chattanooga's Interceptor Sewer System ("ISS"). While not required by the CD, these projects directly impact Chattanooga's on-going effort to reduce and eliminate SSOs.

4.1 201 Facility Plan Update (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 7 submitted January 25, 2017.

4.2 Citico Pump Station and CSOTF Upgrades (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 11 submitted January 29, 2019.

4.3 South Chick Pump Station Phase II and Spring Creek Pump Station Upgrades (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 14 submitted February 02, 2021.

4.4 Carter Street Sewer Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 8 submitted July 26, 2017.

4.5 MBWWTP-Control Room Upgrades (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No.12 submitted July 31, 2019.

4.6 MBWWTP - Detritors Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 11 submitted January 29, 2019.

4.7 Implementation of CD GI Projects in the CSS (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No.13 submitted January 31, 2020.

4.8 Friar's Branch-South Chick Creek 5 Interceptor Rehabilitation (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 14 submitted February 02, 2021.

4.9 Citico Pump Station Reliability Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 14 submitted February 02, 2021.

4.10 MBWWTP Secondary Clarifier Upgrades and Additions (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No.12 submitted July 31, 2019.

4.11 CSOTF Study (completed)

This project has been completed. See Semi-Annual Work Progress Report No. 8 submitted July 26, 2017.

4.12 South Chickamauga Interceptor Improvements – Phase 1 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 14 submitted February 02, 2021.

4.13 Focused SSES and Rehabilitation-South Chickamauga Creek 1 – Phase 2 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 15 submitted February 2, 2022.

4.14 Critical Pump Station Improvements Master Plan (completed)

This study has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 15 submitted February 2, 2022.

4.15 Lupton Drive Chronic SSO Elimination Project (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 15 submitted February 2, 2022.

4.16 Brainerd Golf Course Pump Station Safety Upgrade

This project involves making safety improvements to the East Brainerd Golf Course Pump Station. This work includes the replacement and upgrade of the pump station and force main and relocating it to a manageable area off of the golf course. Additionally, approximately 1,400 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer will be installed. The NTP for professional services was issued in September 2017 and TDEC approval was received on February 13, 2019. This project was bundled with the PS Improvements – Hixson 2 (section 4.17), the Selected Pump Station Safety Upgrades (section 4.41), and the Central Avenue Sewer Improvements (section 4.44) projects, and will be bid, and constructed as one construction contract. The construction started in the second half of 2023 and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.17 Pump Station Improvements – Hixson 2

This project involves safety and reliability improvements associated with converting the Hixson PS 2 from a canned station to a submersible station. A few of the main components of the project include upsizing the capacity to 13 MGD and replacing the force main. The NTP for professional services was issued in January 2020. The final design was completed in August 2021. This project was bundled with the Brainerd Golf Course PS Safety Upgrade (section 4.16), the Selected Pump Station Safety Upgrades (section 4.41), and the Central Avenue Sewer Improvements (section 4.44) projects, and will be bid, and constructed as one construction contract. The construction started in the second half of 2023 and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.18 Wet Weather Combined Sewer Storage – Phase 1, 2 & 3 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 17 submitted January 31, 2024.

4.19 CSOTF Improvements – Phase 1 (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 17 submitted January 31, 2024.

4.20 CSOTF Equipment Replacement Program (completed)

This project involves the replacement of the fine screens at both the Central Avenue and Citico CSOTFs. This project, the CSOTF Improvements Phase 1 (in section 4.19), and the LTCP – AOP Implementation (in section 3.5.2) projects were bundled, bid, and are being constructed as one construction contract. The NTP for professional services was issued in January 2020. This project was completed in June 2024.

4.21 Dobbs Branch Basin Improvements – Phase 1 (completed)

This project involves the rehabilitation of up to 100,000 LF of 8-inch to 24-inch sanitary sewers in the Dobbs Branch sub-basins 3 and 4. The project will provide for the rehabilitation for certain sewer segments and associated manholes. Pipeline rehabilitation methods will include cured-in-place-pipe ("CIPP"), point repairs, pipe bursting, and/or open cut replacement. The design also includes the rehabilitation of up to 400 manholes within the sewer basin through the installation of a watertight spray-on liner. A smoke testing investigation of the 138,000 LF basin will be performed to identify illicit connections. Tabulated and ranked data will be provided to the City for execution outside the contract. The NTP for professional services was issued in September 2018. The design was completed in October 2019. The construction began in the first half of 2020 and was completed in the first half of 2024.

4.22 Dobbs Branch Basin Improvements – Phase 2 (completed)

This project involves rehabilitation of up to 100,000 LF of 8-inch to 24-inch sanitary sewers in the Dobbs Branch sub-basins 5 and 6. The construction will provide for the rehabilitation for certain sewer segments and associated manholes. Pipeline rehabilitation methods will include CIPP, point repairs, pipe bursting, and/or open cut replacement. The design also includes the rehabilitation of up to 400 manholes within the sewer basin through the installation of a watertight spray-on liner. A smoke testing investigation of the 137,000 LF basin will be performed to identify illicit connections. Tabulated and ranked data will be provided to the City for execution outside the contract. The NTP for professional services was issued in November 2018. The design was completed in October 2019, and the construction was completed in the first half of 2024.

4.23 Wet Weather Storage Phase 4 – South Chickamauga Pump Station (canceled)

This project will construct 10 MG of wet weather storage near the South Chickamauga PS located off of N. Hawthorne St. The NTP for professional services was issued in February 2019. The design was completed in September 2022. This project was canceled by the City in September 2023 and will be removed from the next report.

4.24 Citico Pump Station Improvements

This project involves capital improvements to the Citico PS, including the following upgrades and improvements: (1) New motor control center ("MCC"), (2) New pumps, motors, and drives, (3) The wet well cleaned and coated, (4) Replace 72-inch slide gate and three open channel slide gates, (5) Additional security, structural and electrical upgrades. The NTP for professional services was issued in October of 2019. The design was completed in November 2021, and the construction started in the second half of 2022 and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2025.

4.25 Riverview Park/CGCC Chronic SSO Elimination Project

This project involves the rehabilitation or upsizing of sanitary sewer pipe and associated manholes located in the Riverview Park and Chattanooga Golf and Country Club area. The NTP for professional services was issued in November 2019. The bid process was completed in February 2021. Most of the construction has been completed; due to the golf course schedule, the last section of this project will be constructed in the second half of 2025.

4.26 South Chick Creek 2, 3, & 4 Interceptor Rehab (completed)

This project involves the evaluation and rehabilitation of approximately 7,850 LF of gravity interceptor pipeline and 16 associated manholes in the South Chickamauga Creek sub-basins 3 and 4. The pipeline rehabilitation will consist of the 72-inch Friar Branch Interceptor from the first manhole downstream of Friars Branch PS, downstream to the junction box on the 84-inch diameter interceptor. The NTP for professional services was issued in July 2019. Additional to the project, the rehabilitation includes 27 manholes and the junction chamber structure, and repair aging sewer infrastructure. The new NTP for professional services was issued in January 2019. The design was completed in October 2021. The construction started in the first half of 2022 and was completed in the second half of 2024.

4.27 Tiftonia Pump Station 1 Safety Upgrade

This project involves improvements associated with converting Tiftonia PS 1 from a "canned" station to a submersible station. This project is anticipated to resume in the second half of 2025 after finalizing property acquisition.

4.28 ISS Capacity Improvements – Creekside Preserve

This project includes a SSES on approximately 700 linear feet of pipe to identify areas where unwanted groundwater or stormwater can infiltrate the sanitary sewer system. The NTP for professional services was issued in January 2020, and the design was completed in the second half of 2022. This project will now be managed internally by the City and will be removed from the next report.

4.29 Wet Weather Storage Phase 6 – Hixson Pump Station 1

This project will construct 5 MG of wet weather storage near the Hixson 1 PS and will store peak wet weather flows to meet the future capacity requirements. The NTP for professional services was issued in December 2019, and the design was completed in the first half of 2023. The construction began in the second half of 2023 and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.30 Tiftonia Pump Station 2 Safety Upgrade

This project includes safety and reliability improvements associated with converting the Tiftonia 2 PS from a "canned" PS to a submersible PS as well as the assessment of the sewer force main

for rehabilitation or replacement. The construction is anticipated to start in the first half of 2025 and be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.31 MBWWTP SCADA Master Plan (completed)

This project involves the development of the initial phase of a comprehensive SCADA System 5-year Master Plan for the City of Chattanooga Waste Resources Division. The Engineer prepared a report which compiled all findings, analyses, SOP's, and other recommendations to provide SCADA and Operational Technology planning for the City's wastewater and collections systems. The NTP for professional services was issued in December 2019. Project is now complete.

4.32 MBWWTP Improvements – Centrifuge Upgrades (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 17 submitted January 31, 2023.

4.33 Citico Force Main Rehabilitation

This project includes construction scope to replace the 30" force main exiting the Citico PS, located on the south side of the Tennessee River near Citico Creek along Riverside Drive. The force main is approximately 1,600 linear feet spanning the Tennessee River to discharge into a manhole on the north side of the river located on Constitution Drive. Replacement involves installing a new 48-inch diameter force main pipe across the river using cut and cover construction methods. The construction is anticipated to start in the first half of 2025 and be completed in the second half of 2026.

4.34 Mountain Creek Pump Station Improvements (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 16 submitted January 31, 2023.

4.35 Big Ridge #5 Pump Station Improvements

This project includes of improvements to the Big Ridge ("BR") #5 PS. The NTP for professional services was issued in March 2021. The design was completed in the first half of 2023. The construction started in the first half of 2024 and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2025.

4.36 Big Ridge #2 Pump Station Improvements

This project includes improvements to the Big Ridge #2 PS. Other upgrades include the installation of bypass pump connection on force main, new pumps, VFDs and discharge piping, the repair of spalled concrete at effluent pipe penetration in wet well and improving the support for PVC conduit hanging into wet well. The NTP for professional services was issued in January 2022. The project's scope was revised in the second half of 2023 to address deficiency in PS capacity. The construction is anticipated to start in the first half of 2025 and be completed in the second half of 2025.

4.37 Highland Park Pump Station Improvements

This project includes improvements to the Highland Park wet weather PS. These include the full rehabilitation of the PS, replacement of pumps with VFDs, replacement of all electrical and MCC, new discharge piping, new safety grating, and wet well lining. The NTP for professional services was issued in January 2022. The design was completed in the second half of 2023. The construction began in the second half of 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the second half of 2025.

4.38 Lookout Creek Sewer Basin Master Plan (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 16 submitted January 31, 2023.

4.39 MBWWTP Wet Weather Response Team (completed)

This project has been completed. See Annual Work Progress Report No. 16 submitted January 31, 2023.

4.40 Selected Pump Station Safety Upgrades

This project will evaluate, design and construct new (replacement) wastewater pumping stations located at Murray Hills #5, off Webb Road and Brainerd Manor located off Moore Road, near the airport. The existing stations are "can" stations and in need of new standard pump stations utilizing the existing design criteria regarding flow data, pump requirements, wet well size, etc. per respective station. The NTP for professional services was issued in July 2018. The design was completed in the first half of 2022. This project was bundled with the Brainerd Golf Course PS Safety Upgrade (section 4.16), the Pump Station Improvements – Hixson 2 (section 4.17), and the Central Avenue Sewer Improvements (section 4.44) projects, and will be bid, and constructed as one construction contract. The construction began in the second half of 2023 and is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.41 23rd Street Pump Station Improvements

This project includes making capital improvements to the 23rd Street PS within the screening room, dry well, wet well, electrical room, and the site, in general. The NTP for professional services was issued in March 2021. The design is being finalized to include the completed 23rd St. Bypass vault design and bid these together. The construction is anticipated to start in the second half of 2025 and be completed in the first half of 2027.

4.42 Influent Pump Station Improvements (IPS Screen Bypass)

This project includes the replacement of the bar screens. The NTP for professional services was issued in May 2021. The design was completed in the second half of 2023. The construction began in the first half of 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the second half of 2025.

4.43 Central Avenue Sewer Improvements (Prev. Lupton City Sewer Rehab)

The purpose of this project is to abandon a damaged 18" sewer line between manholes S167C067 and S167C068 that crosses the Southern Cellulose facility at Central Avenue and East 42nd Street. Two alternatives that were considered included relocation of the existing sewer around the Southern Cellulose facility, and a small pump station to send flows from manhole S167C067 to manhole S167C073. The small pump station was the chosen alternative. The NTP for professional services was issued in June 2020. The design was completed in September 2022. This project was bundled with the Brainerd Golf Course PS Safety Upgrade (section 4.16), the PS Improvements – Hixson 2 (section 4.17), and the Selected Pump Station Safety Upgrades (section 4.40) projects, and will be bid, and constructed as one construction contract. The construction began in the second half of 2023 and is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.44 Winterview Pump Station and Basin Improvements

This project includes upgrades to the Winterview Pump Station. The Pump Station is currently equipped with a temporary pump and controls and needs to be improved to include permanent, reliable equipment. The NTP for professional services was issued in January 2022. The design began in December 2022. Project will be bundled with Tiftonia PS #3 Improvements (section 4.45), and will be bid, and constructed as one construction contract. The design has been finalized. The construction is anticipated to start in the first half of 2025 and be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.45 Tiftonia Pump Station #3 Improvements

This project involves improvements to the Tiftonia #3 Pump Station. The project will include a replacement pump station with submersible pumps, potential capacity upgrade, control panel with associated electrical, SCADA, wet well, and valving. The existing station will be demolished, and the existing gravity flow will be routed to the new station. The NTP for professional services was issued in October 2022. The design is estimated to begin in the first half of 2023 and be completed in the second half of 2023. Project will be bundled with Winterview PS and Basin Improvements (section 4.44), and will be bid, and constructed as one construction contract. Construction is expected to begin in the first half of 2025 and be completed in the first half of 2026.

4.46 South Chickamauga Pump Station Improvements

This project involves improvements to the South Chick Creek Pump Station due to its aging condition and critical rank on the City's Pump Station Master Plan. Some of the main components this project will include are new pumps, motors, controls, electrical, SCADA, rake bar, sluice gates, air scrubber, and HVAC. The NTP for professional services was issued in November 2022. The construction is anticipated to start in the second half of 2026.

4.47 Green Infrastructure – Lincoln Park (canceled)

This project includes improvements to water quality control measures for roadways and landscaping, such as bioswales, green pavers, vegetation, a "green" or living wall as a noise barrier for the railyard. The project is currently being redesigned as poor soil was encountered during field investigations. This project has been canceled as it was not feasible and will be removed from next report.

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Appendix A Project Schedules Gantt Chart































































































































