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Re: *United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-00245*
Quarterly Report No. 51 – January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

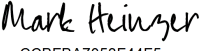
On behalf of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee ("City"), and in accordance with the consent decree entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (Southern Division), on April 24, 2013, in the case styled the United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-00245 ("Consent Decree"), we are submitting to both the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") the fifty-first quarterly report required pursuant to paragraph 38 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

Ave	Avenue
CD	Consent Decree
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
CSS	Combined Sewer System
Dr	Drive
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
Gal	Gallons
Hrs	Hours
Hwy	Highway
Ln	Lane
MBWWTP	Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant
MBEC	Moccasin Bend Environmental Campus
MG	Million Gallons
MH	Manhole
N/A	Not Applicable
No.	Number
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
PS	Pump Station
Rd	Road
SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
St	Street
TDEC	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Trl	Trail
UNK	Unknown
WCTS	Wastewater Collection and Transmission System
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The City of Chattanooga 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”), which became effective on April 24, 2013. Pursuant to Section IX, paragraph 38 of the CD, Chattanooga is required to submit reports on a quarterly basis to the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (“TDEC”). Chattanooga has prepared Quarterly Report No. 51 to satisfy the reporting requirements of the CD. 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 CD.

1.2 Requirements

As detailed in Section IX, paragraph 38 of the CD, Chattanooga is required to report the date, time, location, source, estimated duration and volume, and receiving water of the following events:

1. Sanitary sewer overflow (“SSO”) events occurring during the reporting period;
2. Combined sewer overflow (“CSO”) outfall discharges occurring during the reporting period;
and
3. Bypasses at the Moccasin Bend Environmental Campus (“MBEC”) formerly known as Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant (“MBWWTP”) occurring during the reporting period.

This information is provided in tabular form in Sections 2.0 – 4.0 of this report.

2.0 SSO Events

For the reporting period of January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, Chattanooga experienced the SSOs listed in Table 2-1. An SSO event is defined in paragraph 8.(nn) of the CD as “any discharge of wastewater to waters of the United States or State from Chattanooga’s Sewer System through a point source not permitted in any National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit, as well as any overflow, spill, or release of wastewater to public or private property from the Sewer System that may not have reached waters of the United States or the State, including all building backups.”

**Table 2-1
Quarterly SSO Outfall Discharge Report**

January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026									
SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
1	05-Jan-26	8:30 AM	1005 Beason Dr.	Manhole	S126O700	2.00	60	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/ Debris
3	08-Jan-26	1:30 PM	54 Shallowford Rd	Manhole	S146L064	4.50	540	Storm Drain	Blockage - General
4	10-Jan-26	8:56 AM	5203 Old Mission Rd (Brainerd Golf Course PS)	Manhole	S157K070	29.73	9,545	South Chickamauga Creek	Wet Weather
5	10-Jan-26	11:50 AM	1015 Riverfront Pkwy (East Bank)	East Bank	S135O547	0.33	4,395	Tennessee River	Pump Station - Electrical Failure
7	20-Jan-26	9:45 AM	2331 S. Holtzclaw Ave	Manhole	S156H004	0.65	1,296,000	Dobbs Branch	Construction/ Maintenance Related
9	25-Jan-26	2:05 PM	122 Rowland Gap Rd (West Bank)	West Bank	S135O217	5.00	232,000	Tennessee River	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
10	25-Jan-26	2:15 PM	5409 Old Hixson Pike (Hixson #2 PS)	Manhole	S100J051	25.00	227,250	Storm Ditch	Construction/ Maintenance Related
11	25-Jan-26	2:25 PM	1015 Riverfront Pkwy (East Bank)	East Bank	S135O547	3.83	382,000	Tennessee River	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
12	02-Feb-26	8:30 AM	1001 Ashland Terrace	Manhole	S109M031	6.00	720	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Gravel
13	10-Feb-26	1:40 PM	6409 Point Pleasant Rd	Manhole	S101I074	21.83	1,310	Storm Ditch	Blockage - General
14	11-Feb-26	12:30 PM	107 W 38th St	Manhole	S155N071	0.33	100	Storm Drain	Wet Weather

January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026									
SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
16	12-Feb-26	12:30 PM	6409 Point Pleasant Rd	Manhole	S1011074	96.00	5,760	Storm Ditch	Blockage - General
17	16-Feb-26	9:20 AM	107 W 38th St	Manhole	S155N071	47.00	70,500	Storm Drain	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
18	17-Feb-26	1:30 PM	1500 Workman Dr	Manhole	S168I035	1.08	3,250	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Grease
19	20-Feb-26	5:45 AM	1965 Hixson Marina Rd (Big Ridge 14)	Manhole	S101K001	0.75	90	Storm Ditch	Construction/ Maintenance Related
20	20-Feb-26	2:20 PM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P257	0.92	100	Storm Drain	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
21	20-Feb-26	3:00 PM	107 W 38th St	Manhole	S155N071	117.50	176,250	Storm Drain	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
22	25-Feb-26	12:19 PM	1124 Forest Plaza Dr	Manhole	S109M039	1.18	25	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/ Debris
23	05-Mar-26	10:00 AM	7900 Lee Hwy	Manhole	S139D009	UNK ¹	300	Storm Ditch	Construction/ Maintenance Related
24	06-Mar-26	11:30 AM	1124 Forest Plaza Dr	Manhole	S109M039	1.58	475	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/ Debris
25	12-Mar-26	9:30 AM	2109 Lynbrook Ave	Manhole	S156G048	26.50	39,750	Dobbs Branch	Wet Weather
26	12-Mar-26	10:15 AM	3728 Wilcox Blvd	Manhole	S147B301	120.25	7,215	Storm Ditch	Wet Weather
28	12-Mar-26	12:50 PM	7724 Old Lee Hwy	Manhole	S139D002	UNK ¹	25	Storm Ditch	Wet Weather
29	12-Mar-26	2:30 PM	7900 Lee Hwy	Manhole	S139C015	UNK ¹	2,500	Storm Ditch	Wet Weather
30	23-Mar-26	11:00 AM	3117 7th Ave	Manhole	S156O054	1.00	30	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/ Debris

¹ This information was not available at time of reporting.

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3.0 Moccasin Bend EC Bypasses

The CD sets forth the same definition for bypass as the EPA's regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m), which defines a bypass as the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. The City's current NPDES permit defines a bypass as the intentional diversion of wastewater away from any portion of a treatment facility other than through peak excess flow treatment facilities or permitted outfalls in accordance with both the long-term control plan and the nine minimum technology-based effluent controls for combined sewer systems. The City reports bypasses and wet weather discharges separately on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports, as a discharge from the City's permitted wet weather discharge is not a bypass under the City's current NPDES permit. Based on the foregoing, the WWTP experienced no bypasses during the reporting period of January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026.

4.0 CSO Outfall Discharges

For the reporting period of January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, Chattanooga experienced CSO discharges from CSO outfall treatment facilities as listed in Table 4-1. Paragraph 8.(h) of the CD defines a CSO as “any discharge from the CSS from any outfall currently identified, or identified in the future, as a permitted combined sewer overflow outfall in any Chattanooga NPDES permit from which CSOs are discharged to waters of the United States or the State.” The CSS is defined as the portion of Chattanooga’s wastewater collection and transmission system (“WCTS”) designed to convey municipal sewage (domestic, commercial and industrial wastewaters) and storm water runoff through a single-pipe system to Chattanooga’s WWTP or CSO outfalls. Chattanooga operates eight (8) permitted CSO outfall treatment facilities, three (3) of which discharged during the reporting period.

**Table 4-1
Quarterly CSO Outfall Discharge Report**

January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026						
Start Date	Start Time	Location/Nearest Stream	Duration (hrs)	Volume (MG)	Receiving Water	Cause
09-Jan-26	3:28 PM	Central Ave CSO (002)	36.3	11.163888	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
10-Jan-26	4:34 AM	19th St CSO (008)	6.6	1.266838	Tennessee River	Rain Event
13-Jan-26	9:58 AM	Central Ave CSO (002)	167.4	0.390716	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
25-Jan-26	10:42 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	8.3	4.379860	Tennessee River	Rain Event
25-Jan-26	12:12 PM	Central Ave CSO (002)	17.9	7.193532	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
25-Jan-26	1:32 PM	19th St CSO (008)	4.3	0.106188	Tennessee River	Rain Event
16-Feb-26	1:34 AM	Central Ave CSO (002)	32.6	0.076500	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
20-Feb-26	10:52 AM	19th St CSO (008)	26.1	1.041674	Tennessee River	Rain Event
09-Mar-26	10:36 AM	Central Ave CSO (002)	193.7	43.300060	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
12-Mar-26	12:48 AM	19th St CSO (008)	7.1	0.371136	Tennessee River	Rain Event
12-Mar-26	12:48 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	15.7	75.157882	Tennessee River	Rain Event