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Quarterly Report No. 52 – April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

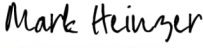
On behalf of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee ("City"), and in accordance with the consent decree entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (Southern Division), on April 24, 2013, in the case styled the *United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga*, 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-second 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.

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

Mr. John Goodwin
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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. 52 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 April 1, 2026, through June 30, 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

April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026									
SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
1	03-Apr-26	7:10 PM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P267	0.25	250	Land*	Other/ Misc.
2	08-Apr-26	2:45 PM	555 Cherry St	Other	UNK ¹	0.75	50	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
3	09-Apr-26	8:00 PM	250 Aster Ave (Tiftonia 3)	Manhole	S154J015	0.75	225	Storm Drain	Construction/ Maintenance Related
4	12-Apr-26	12:00 AM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P267	3.00	180	Land*	Blockage - General
5	13-Apr-26	11:00 AM	1908 Colonial Way Cir	Main Line	UNK ¹	23.00	1,500	Storm Ditch	Break
6	14-Apr-26	1:15 PM	735 Vine St	Manhole	S146A010	2.08	130	Land*	Blockage - Trash/Debris
7	17-Apr-26	3:15 PM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P254	0.25	250	Land*	CSO - Capacity
8	21-Apr-26	11:15 AM	5751 N Morgan Ln	Manhole	S099C060	0.83	25	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Trash/Debris
9	24-Apr-26	10:40 AM	800 Woodmore Ln	Main Line	UNK ¹	2.42	50	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Roots
10	26-Apr-26	11:00 PM	1124 Forest Plaza Cir	Manhole	S109M039	1.00	25	Storm Drain	Blockage - General
11	28-Apr-26	9:30 AM	107 W 38th St	Manhole	S155N071	149.50	318,450	Storm Drain	Wet Weather
12	29-Apr-26	8:30 AM	1124 Forest Plaza Cir	Manhole	S109M039	2.00	1,200	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
13	04-May-26	9:15 AM	3536 Mountain Creek Rd	Manhole	S108K005	1.25	25	Land*	Blockage - Trash/Debris
14	06-May-26	8:50 PM	1124 Forest Plaza Cir	Manhole	S109M039	3.33	1,000	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
15	09-May-26	10:50 AM	1124 Forest Plaza Cir	Manhole	S109M039	2.75	165	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
16	10-May-26	8:45 PM	107 W 38th St	Manhole	S155N071	3.00	100	Storm Drain	Construction/ Maintenance Related
17	13-May-26	10:00 AM	5570 Hwy 153	Manhole	S100H002	3.58	5,375	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Trash/Debris
18	14-May-26	3:20 PM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P267	0.08	100	Land*	Other/ Misc.
19	22-May-26	5:15 AM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Main Line	UNK ¹	1.25	50,000	Tennessee River	Other/ Misc.

April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026									
SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
20	24-May-26	5:30 PM	427 Browns Ferry Rd (Tiftonia #2)	Manhole	S144K018	6.75	2,175	Storm Drain	Pump Station - Capacity
21	24-May-26	7:30 PM	4790 Gann Store Rd (Big Ridge #1)	Manhole	S110M041	2.00	18,000	Storm Ditch	Power Failure from Power Source
22	24-May-26	8:30 PM	2416 Water Haven Dr (South Chick)	Manhole	S128B050	1.00	90,000	Storm Ditch	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
23	30-May-26	7:15 PM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P267	0.02	200	Land*	Other/ Misc.
24	13-Jun-26	12:00 PM	4602 Gann Store Rd (Big Ridge #2)	Manhole	S111P018	2.83	40,000	Storm Ditch	Power Failure from Power Source
25	14-Jun-26	7:00 PM	4790 Gann Store Rd (Big Ridge #1)	Manhole	S110M041	0.25	4,500	Storm Ditch	Power Failure from Power Source

¹ This information was not available at time of reporting.

* Did not reach waters of the United States.

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 April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

4.0 CSO Outfall Discharges

For the reporting period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 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, six (6) of which discharged during the reporting period.

Table 4-1
Quarterly CSO Outfall Discharge Report

April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026						
Start Date	Start Time	Location/Nearest Stream	Duration (hrs)	Volume (MG)	Receiving Water	Cause
28-Apr-26	6:56 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	8.4	8.006390	Tennessee River	Rain Event
28-Apr-26	10:00 AM	19th St CSO (008)	0.4	0.044854	Tennessee River	Rain Event
29-Apr-26	4:46 AM	19th St CSO (008)	0.5	0.001448	Tennessee River	Rain Event
29-Apr-26	5:24 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	8.1	2.354744	Tennessee River	Rain Event
06-May-26	7:30 PM	19th St CSO (008)	3.6	0.014372	Tennessee River	Rain Event
22-May-26	12:38 AM	19th St CSO (008)	7.9	7.265252	Tennessee River	Rain Event
24-May-26	2:52 PM	19th St CSO (008)	9.62	3.403284	Tennessee River	Rain Event
24-May-26	5:30 PM	Tremont CSO (005)	3.4	0.704652	Tennessee River	Rain Event
24-May-26	5:48 PM	East Bank (Formerly known as "MLK") CSO (007)	0.57	0.049320	Tennessee River	Rain Event
24-May-26	6:00 PM	Central Ave CSO (002)	174	20.853526	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
26-May-26	5:40 PM	Citico CSO (004)	3.5	1.431920	Tennessee River	Rain Event