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Re: *United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-00245*
Quarterly Report No. 46 – October 1, 2024 to December 31, 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-00245 ("Consent Decree"), we are submitting to both the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") the forty-third 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. 46 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 October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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**

October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024									
SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
1	07-Oct-24	9:30 AM	8133 East Brainerd Rd	Manhole	S159O052	UNK ¹	25	Land*	Contractor Error (during bypass)
2	25-Oct-24	10:00 AM	1809 East 14th Street	Manhole	S146O110	UNK ¹	14,400	Storm Ditch	Wet Weather
3	31-Oct-24	8:15 AM	6213 Fisk Ave	Manhole	S148G025	2.75	135	Storm Drain	Blockage - Grease
4	08-Nov-24	8:30 AM	123 Colony Cr	Manhole	S090E012	1.00	30	Land*	Blockage - Trash/Debris
5	08-Nov-24	4:00 PM	1043 Grays Dr	Manhole	S171A021	3.50	1,050	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Roots
6	13-Nov-24	1:00 PM	2001 Riverside Dr	Manhole	S136J011	15.00	4,500	Storm Drain	Construction/ Maintenance Related
7	15-Nov-24	11:00 AM	3917 Forest Highland Dr	Service Line	UNK ¹	2.00	50	Storm Ditch	Customer Error (cut through line)
8	25-Nov-24	8:30 AM	1605 Arden Ave	Main Line	UNK ¹	UNK ¹	UNK ¹	Land*	Break
9	09-Dec-24	9:00 AM	1073 Enclave Rd	Manhole	S118K158	1.25	3,750	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Trash/Debris
10	09-Dec-24	2:05 PM	455 Moccasin Bend Rd	Manhole	S135P257	0.25	450	Tennessee River	Mechanical Failure
11	12-Dec-24	8:00 AM	1002 Meroney St	Manhole	S126M053	1.17	35	Land*	Blockage - Trash/Debris
12	13-Dec-24	12:15 PM	1504 Cloverdale Loop	Manhole	S109E131	1.17	70	Storm Ditch	Blockage - Trash/Debris
13	17-Dec-24	8:00 AM	7442 Twinbrook Dr	Service Line	UNK ¹	1.50	70	Structure*	Blockage - Trash/Debris
14	26-Dec-24	9:00 AM	7444 Twinbrook Dr	Manhole	UNK ¹	UNK ¹	70	Structure*	Blockage - Trash/Debris
15	27-Dec-24	9:38 PM	5409 Old Hixson Pike (Hixson #2 PS)	Manhole	S100J058	82.87	1,705,500	Storm Ditch	Wet Weather

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 October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

4.0 CSO Outfall Discharges

For the reporting period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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, two (2) of which discharged during the reporting period.

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

October 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024						
Start Date	Start Time	Location/Nearest Stream	Duration (hrs)	Volume (MG)	Receiving Water	Cause
19-Nov-24	2:54 PM	Central Ave CSO (002)	21.6	0.050918	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
29-Dec-24	1:34 AM	Central Ave CSO (002)	18.9	6.827128	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
29-Dec-24	12:52 AM	19 th St CSO (008)	7.9	15.394662	Tennessee River	Rain Event