



City of Chattanooga

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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**Re: *United States of America et. al. v. City of Chattanooga, No. 1:12-cv-00245*
Quarterly Report No. 25 – July 2019 to September 2019**

Dear Ms. Janovitz:

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 twenty-fifth 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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July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency
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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 Waste Water Treatment Plant
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.25 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 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 July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019, 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 Report**

SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
1	03-Jul-19	9:15 AM	E 2nd St	Manhole	S135M259	1.25	500	Storm Drain	Blockage - Grease
2	07-Jul-19	9:08 PM	122 Rowland Gap Rd (West Bank)	West Bank	S135O217	0.02	50	Tennessee River	Pump Station - Mechanical Failure
3	10-Jul-19	1:00 PM	3851 Mark Twain Cr	Manhole	S137N065	2.00	65,000	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
4	16-Jul-19	4:17 PM	3500 N Hawthorne St	Main Line	UNK ¹	17.72	25	Land*	Break
5	07-Aug-19	3:00 PM	5342 Usher Dr	Manhole	S167N033	1.08	1,000	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
6	12-Aug-19	1:15 PM	1410 Workman Rd	Main Line	N/A	3.25	16,200	Storm Ditch	Break
7	16-Aug-19	1:30 PM	5116 Delashmitt Rd	Other	N/A	1.25	20	Land*	Blockage - Gravel
8	16-Aug-19	2:00 PM	N Kelley St & Vine St	Main Line	N/A	1.50	100	Land*	Break
9	21-Aug-19	2:30 PM	1919 Old Wauhatchie Pike	Manhole	S155J014	2.00	1,200	Storm Drain	Blockage - Roots
10	24-Aug-19	4:15 PM	3510 Central Ave	Manhole	S155M029	0.42	750	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
11	25-Aug-19	7:00 AM	3510 Central Ave	Manhole	S155M029	4.50	270	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
12	27-Aug-19	7:45 PM	6480 Delmer Ln (Pelican Dr)	Manhole	S138F019	19.75	60,000	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
13	05-Sep-19	10:15 PM	4200 Central Ave	Manhole	S167C067	1.13	1,360	Storm Drain	Construction/Maintenance Related
14	12-Sep-19	10:15 AM	3610 Central Ave	Manhole	S155M020	1.75	840	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris

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SSO ID	Start Date	Start Time	Location	Source	MH ID#	Estimated Duration (hrs)	Estimated Volume (gal)	SSO Destination	Cause
15	12-Sep-19	2:00 PM	7700 Wimberly Dr	Manhole	S129N016	2.00	360	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
16	20-Sep-19	1:30 PM	1919 Old Wauhatchie Pike	Manhole	S155J014	2.00	480	Storm Drain	Blockage - Trash/Debris
17	23-Sep-19	4:00 PM	2407 12th Ave	Other	N/A	43.00	25	Land*	Construction/Maintenance Related

¹ This information was not available at time of reporting.

* Did not reach waters of the United States

3.0 Moccasin Bend WWTP 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 July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

4.0 CSO Outfall Discharges

For the reporting period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019, 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, seven (7) of which discharged during the reporting period.

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

July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019						
Start Date	Start Time	Location/Nearest Stream	Duration (hrs)	Volume (MG)	Receiving Water	Cause
07-Jul-19	6:38 PM	ML King CSO (007)	1.35	0.299076	Tennessee River	Rain Event
07-Jul-19	7:15 PM	Carter St CSO (009)	1.58	1.070848	Tennessee River	Rain Event
07-Jul-19	7:52 PM	19th St CSO (008)	0.59	0.030343	Tennessee River	Rain Event
11-Jul-19	10:27 AM	ML King CSO (007)	1.08	0.088310	Tennessee River	Rain Event
11-Jul-19	10:55 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	1.57	1.114735	Tennessee River	Rain Event
11-Jul-19	11:31 AM	19th St CSO (008)	0.03	0.000200	Tennessee River	Rain Event
11-Jul-19	1:46 PM	Citico CSO (004)	23.53	5.812172	Tennessee River	Rain Event
12-Jul-19	9:20 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	1.8	0.669744	Tennessee River	Rain Event
13-Jul-19	5:20 PM	19th St CSO (008)	1.35	0.403209	Tennessee River	Rain Event
13-Jul-19	5:38 PM	Ross's Landing CSO (006)	0.77	0.716926	Tennessee River	Rain Event
13-Jul-19	5:46 PM	ML King CSO (007)	1.52	0.117979	Tennessee River	Rain Event
13-Jul-19	5:57 PM	Carter St CSO (009)	1.63	1.171397	Tennessee River	Rain Event
31-Jul-19	2:49 PM	Tremont CSO (005)	0.27	0.127076	Tennessee River	Rain Event
13-Aug-19	10:37 PM	Carter St CSO (009)	0.33	0.113981	Tennessee River	Rain Event
14-Aug-19	2:59 AM	Central Ave CSO (002)	9.77	0.063148	Tennessee River	Rain Event
14-Aug-19	11:00 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	0.87	0.478926	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
24-Aug-19	9:30 PM	Carter St CSO (009)	1.62	1.588133	Tennessee River	Rain Event
24-Aug-19	9:35 PM	ML King CSO (007)	1.87	0.551116	Tennessee River	Rain Event
25-Aug-19	1:10 AM	19th St CSO (008)	0.07	0.001276	Tennessee River	Rain Event
26-Aug-19	12:58 PM	19th St CSO (008)	0.23	0.002212	Tennessee River	Rain Event
26-Aug-19	12:58 PM	Carter St CSO (009)	3.15	1.165686	Tennessee River	Rain Event
26-Aug-19	1:32 PM	Central Ave CSO (002)	34.92	2.572585	Chattanooga Creek	Rain Event
26-Aug-19	2:27 PM	ML King CSO (007)	6.9	0.182165	Tennessee River	Rain Event
27-Aug-19	9:56 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	0.65	0.211000	Tennessee River	Rain Event
28-Aug-19	8:52 AM	Carter St CSO (009)	1.82	1.432679	Tennessee River	Rain Event

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Start Date	Start Time	Location/Nearest Stream	Duration (hrs)	Volume (MG)	Receiving Water	Cause
10-Sep-19	6:15 PM	Tremont CSO (005)	0.33	0.171471	Tennessee River	Rain Event