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Ms. Val Dooling, EPA Case Manager
Water Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Branch (ECW-15)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: City of Washington, Indiana WWTP, NPDES ID #IN0025658; Compliance Plan Update – 3rd Quarter 2024

Dear Ms. Dooling:

This letter is to convey the current progress of the Compliance Plan regarding the Administrative Order on Consent under Section 309(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(a). The Compliance Plan, submitted on May 10, 2023, describes actions to be undertaken by the City of Washington to address Count 1 and Count 2 as described in the Administrative Order on Consent. The Compliance Plan was revised and resubmitted on September 21, 2023. The revised compliance plan provides additional detail for actions to be undertaken by the City of Washington to operate the wastewater treatment plant within the parameters of the existing NPDES permit. The Compliance Plan was revised and resubmitted on January 10, 2024, following comments from USEPA received on December 13, 2023.

Work to achieve the goals of the Revised Compliance Plan is ongoing. This work includes:

- 1) The SBR system at the WWTP is fully online and operating. Plant staff continue to “break in” the SBR reactors and optimize the process.
- 2) To evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment trains at the WWTP, auto-sampling devices have been installed at various locations throughout the facility. The data collected will help plant staff identify potential issues and make necessary adjustments within the treatment train to ensure compliance with permit effluent limitations.
- 3) Treatment plant staff continue to perform daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly inspections and perform routine maintenance to keep the WWTP operating properly. Maintenance records are maintained and will be used to make future improvements.
- 4) Plant standard operating procedures are constantly being reviewed and amended as needed.
- 5) The WWTP continues to be fully staffed.
- 6) The ongoing WWTP study aims to assess the plant's operational capabilities. Once the study is completed, the implementation schedules for the recommendations will be reviewed and evaluated.

Should you have any comments, questions or need additional information, please contact me at (317) 334-0262 or by email at ssiple@midwesterneng.com.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Midwestern Engineers, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott M. Siple".

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cc: Jolie McLaughlin, Office of Regional Counsel (C-14J) (via Email)
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