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January 6, 2026

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Surface Water, Operations & Enforcement Branch  
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Re: Coalmont, Clay County  
Wastewater Agreed Order (Case No. 2022-28798-W)  
2025 4th Quarter Report

Dear Ms. Lenahan:

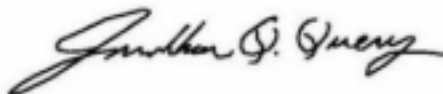
On behalf of the Clay County Commissioners, this quarterly report is being provided as an update on the approved Compliance Plan and actions taken towards implementation. Since the last quarterly report, coordination with INDOT has continued on the right-of-way occupancy permit applications. No other major work has occurred due to the delays in the project funding schedule identified in the last quarterly report.

As noted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report, SRF advised us that due to the limited grant funding available in 2025 that the project should not apply to OCRA in Round 2 of 2025 but rather wait until Round 2 of 2026. Therefore, there have been no changes to the attached Compliance Plan Schedule which is based on applying to OCRA in Round 2 of 2026 (December 2026). The overall schedule is based on an OCRA grant award in February 2027 with SRF PER approval anticipated 90 days after the OCRA grant award.

It continues to be likely that additional funding beyond SRF, OCRA, and Rural Development (RD) will be needed given the projected user rates in the financial advisor's report.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this update, please contact HWC Engineering (Eric Smith at 812-234-2551, Ext. 410 or Jon Query at 317-981-1250).

Sincerely,



Jonathan Q. Query, P.E.  
Project Manager

/Attachment

Cc: Paul Sinderson, Clay County Commissioner  
Lou Britton, RSD Attorney  
Eric Smith, P.E., HWC Engineering



Coalmont, Clay County  
Wastewater Agreed Order  
Proposed Compliance Plan Schedule  
January 6, 2026 (No Changes From Previous Update)

Item	Description/Milestone	Estimated Duration/Target Completion	Estimated Date <sup>1</sup>	Actual Date Completed
1	Public Meeting for Regional Sewer District (RSD)	Within 160 Days of IDEM Approved Agreed Order	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2023
2	File Petition for Regional Sewer District	Within 30 Days of Public Meeting	June 30, 2023	June 29, 2023
3	Regional Sewer District Approval <sup>2</sup>	Within 300 Days of Filing RSD Petition	April 2024	December 19, 2023
4	Establish RSD Board, Procure Engineering Firm, and Initiate Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)	Within 60 Days of RSD Approval	February 17, 2024	February 14, 2024
5	Submit PER and Funding Applications to Funding Agencies	Within 60 days of NTP with PER	April 2024	April 1, 2024 <sup>3</sup>
6	Initiate Construction Plans & Bid Documents	Within 30 days of PER Approval	January 2025	December 19, 2024
7	Submit Construction Permit Applications	Within 150 Days of Starting Design	June 2025	June 29, 2025
8	Submit OCRA Grant Application	2026 Round 2 Funding Cycle with OCRA	December 2026	
9	OCRA Grant Award <sup>1</sup>	2026 Round 2 Funding Cycle	February 2027	
10	Acceptance of PER by Funding Agencies <sup>4</sup>	Within 90 Days After OCRA Grant Award	May 2027	
11	Finalize Construction Plans & Bid Documents & Secure Construction Permits	Within 90 Days After OCRA Grant Award	May 2027	
12	Advertise for Bids	Within 120 Days After OCRA Grant Award	June 2027	
13	Receive Bids	Within 30 Days of Advertising for Bids and 150 Days of Award of OCRA Grant.	July 2027	
14	Loan Closing for Project Funding	Within 90 Days of Receiving Bids	October 2027	
15	Award Construction Contract and Begin Construction	Within 30 Days of Loan Closing	November 2027	
16	Complete Construction	400 Days Following Award of Construction	December 2028	
17	Compliance with all Local, State, and Federal Permit Regulations	Within 30 Days of Completion of Construction	January 2029	
18	Compliance Demonstration Period/Agreed Order Closeout	12 Months After Completion	January 2030	

1. The estimated dates assume an OCRA Grant Award in February 2027 and are contingent on agency review times.
2. The Regional Sewer District estimated approval timeframe includes 180 days as required for counter-petition, 60 days for public notice requirements, and an additional 60 days for other issues or delays.
3. PER was submitted to SRF on 4/1/24. The PER and ER were submitted to Rural Development on August 5, 2024.
4. The PER Approval date assumes approval by SRF within 90 days of an OCRA grant award.