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March 28, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Kathy Kirkpatrick, Mayor City of Rockport PO Box 151 Rockport, IN 47635

Dear Mayor Kirkpatrick:

Re: Long Term Control Plan Amendment Review

City of Rockport

NPDES Permit No. IN0061662 and IN0021067

Agreed Order No. 2007-16747-W

Spencer County

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has reviewed the City of Rockport's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) Amendment received February 12, 2024, with the latest revision submitted March 19, 2024.

The LTCP Amendment includes a revised Phase IV that will include construction of a new 9.5 MGD 5th Street Lift Station with new 30-inch sewer from CSO 002 to 5th Street Street Lift Station which will negate the need for a 700,000-gallon storage that was approved in the 2019 Amendment, construction of a new 1.24 Million Gallon Daily (MGD) average daily flow Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) with a peak daily flow of 3.18 MGD and peak hourly flow of 12.42 MGD replacing the North Plant, and implementation of other collection system improvements, including sewer televising and rehabilitation, manhole rehabilitation, lift station improvements, and force main replacement.

The LTCP update does not change the original level of control approved on August 1, 2007, which is no untreated CSO discharge below the ten-year, one-hour design storm, or an equivalent event. The amended LTCP implementation schedule will be implemented 5 Months sooner than the existing schedule and is anticipated to be finished December 31, 2025. Based on this information, IDEM has determined that the plan update is acceptable. IDEM CSO Staff shall coordinate this amended plan with IDEM OWQ Enforcement Staff. The amended LTCP implementation schedule (attached) shall supersede the schedule contained in the previously approved LTCP, and the City of Rockport shall implement the LTCP in accordance with the amended LTCP implementation schedule. With this letter, IDEM grants approval of the revised CSO projects and implementation schedule

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Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Nicholas Eilerman at 317/232-8619 or by e-mail at neilerma@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

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Proposed CSO LTCP Update Schedule

Phase	Completion Date	
Completed Milestones		
Phase I	September 2010	
Phase II	February 2014	
Phase III	December 2015	
Additional Work after Phase III*	December 2016	
LTCP Amendment*	February 2019	
City Approves Phase IV Preliminary Engineering Report*	March 2023	
Finalize Phase IV Project Funding Package (USDA RD)*	August 2021	
Commence Phase IV Design*	September 2021	
City Approves Phase IV Preliminary Engineering Report for Submittal to the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) State Revolving Fund (SRF)*	March 2023	

Future Milestones

LTCP Phase IV

Division A - North WWTP

Construction of a new 1.24 MGD ADF, 3.18 MGD PDF, and 12.42 MGD PHF SBR WWTP

Division B - Collection System

New 30-inch Sewer from CSO 002 to 5th Street Lift Station; New 24" Effluent Line at WWTP; REO Rehabilitation; Install New 9.5 MGD 5th Street Lift Station and 24-inch Force Main to North WWTP; Ike's Street Lift Station Upgrades; Country Ridge Lift Station and Force Main Replacement; REO Lift Station Rehabilitation; Base Road Lift Station Upgrades; & Silverdale Lift Station Upgrades

Design / Permitting	March 2024
Bidding	April-May 2024
Construction Starts	June 2024
Construction Completion	December 2025