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February 22, 2024

## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Daniel Rickord, Mayor  
City of Decatur  
172 North Second Street  
Decatur, Indiana 46733

Dear Mayor Rickord:

Re: CSO Compliance Plan  
Implementation Schedule  
City of Decatur  
NPDES Permit No. IN0039314  
Agreed Order No. 2012-20621-W  
Adams County

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has conducted a review of the City of Decatur's letter and revised Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Compliance Plan Implementation Schedule dated February 12, 2024. With this letter, IDEM grants approval of the revised CSO Compliance Plan Implementation Schedule (copy enclosed).

The projects and dates within the revised CSO Compliance Plan Implementation Schedule will not change; however, the City is adding Smart Sewer Investigation identified as Phase 3C within the schedule. The Phase 3C Smart Sewer Investigation will coincide with the Phase 3B Post Construction Monitoring (PCM) timeframe. The Smart Sewer Investigation will help determine areas of high Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) for repair and help further refine the sizing of projects within Phase 4.

The revised CSO Compliance Plan Implementation Schedule does not change the schedule length or the level of control in the approved original Long Term Control Plan (LTCP), which is to capture and provide full treatment of flows from storm events up to and including the 10-year, 1-hour design storm. IDEM staff will share the revised CSO Compliance Plan Implementation Schedule with the Water Enforcement Section to have the schedule enforceable under the current Agreed Order Case No. 2012-20621-W. The City of Decatur shall implement the schedule accordingly. All other terms and conditions of the Agreed Order remain in effect.

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Please contact Kara Wendholt at 317-233-5961 or by e-mail at [kwendhol@idem.in.gov](mailto:kwendhol@idem.in.gov) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leigh Voss". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Leigh Voss, Chief  
Municipal NPDES Permits Section  
Office of Water Quality

Enclosure

cc: Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent  
Josh Zimmerman, Infrastructure Manager  
Amari Farren, IDEM Water Enforcement Section Chief  
Grant Chaddock, IDEM Water Enforcement Case Manager

**Decatur, Indiana**

**LTCP Agreed Order Milestone Dates**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Completion Dates</b>
Phase 1 - Submit LTCP Compliance Plan	2/8/2015
Phase 2 - Storage Tank Modification & Interceptor Cleaning and CCTV (Early Action Projects)	10/1/2014
Phase 3 - Bidding	4/30/2016
Phase 3 - Construction (14 months)	6/30/2017
Phase 3 - Post Construction Monitoring	6/30/2018
Phase 3A - Targeted Sewer System Assessment/Investigation and Remediation	3/1/2024
Phase 3A -Yearly Progress Reports	7/1/2022 7/1/2023 7/1/2024
Phase 3B - Post Construction Monitoring	12/31/2024
Phase 3C - Smart Sewer Investigation	12/31/2024
Phase 4 - Update Phase 4 Plan	6/1/2025
Phase 4 - Survey, Engineering, Permitting, and Land Acquisition	6/1/2026
Phase 4 - Bidding	8/1/2026
Phase 4 - Construction (16 months)	12/1/2027
Phase 4 - Post Construction Monitoring	10/1/2028

Revised 2/12/2024