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RE: Sewer Ban  
Atlanta WWTP  
NPDES #IN0022306

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

I am writing this letter in response to an early ban letter the Town of Atlanta received. The Town of Atlanta has submitted a voluntary action plan to IDEM, and we have been working to complete that plan. The Town has submitted a PER prepared by Triad & Associates, that has been approved.

We are currently seeking multiple funding sources for this project which is in final design. The project will consist of sewer/manhole lining and will also include approximately 4000 feet of sewer replacement with 28 manholes. We will also be making improvements to our sewer plant. The projected cost of this project is \$2,900,000.00 this is a staggering amount of money for a community of only 350 customers. We have already spent more than that over the last nine years addressing storm and wastewater issues. This current project will be going out for bid in mid-September and will be starting as soon as we possibly can.

As for the hydraulic overload of our treatment facility, it can be clearly demonstrated that these flows have absolutely no effect on our sewer plant or its ability to treat wastewater. We are typically in the mid to upper 90's for removal of TSS/CBOD and ammonia. It is on rare occasions that we drop lower but have not had any violations and stay within the parameters of our NPDES permit. We do not continuously discharge and can hold millions of gallons of water. Our bypass was an unusual event that does not normally occur. We had had several inches of heavy rain and I received a call from a resident whose basement was starting to flood. This is the only event since our major storm water project, which we had to bypass and have not since. That problem has been addressed with the property owner.

I take these issues very seriously; I am not only the certified operator. I also served as Council President for seven years of my eight-year term. We have worked extremely hard over the fourteen years and have been in an almost constant state of planning or construction on these projects. We are working to the best of our ability to complete this project and address our final remaining issues. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank You,  
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