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Ms. Aletha Lenahan
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Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Surface Water, Operations & Enforcement Branch
Office of Water Quality – Mail Code 60-02W
Room N1255
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

Re: Coalmont, Clay County
Wastewater Agreed Order (Case No. 2022-28798-W)
2023 3rd 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. As indicated on the attached Compliance Plan, the next step in the Compliance Plan is IDEM approval of the proposed Regional Sewer District (RSD). Contracts for engineering and other professional services cannot be initiated until a Regional Sewer District is approved, so there is minimal work that can be done at this time. However, in an effort to continue to push this project, HWC has completed some components of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to prepare for the next step in the Compliance Plan pending formation/approval of a Regional Sewer District. Additionally, monthly meetings/conference calls are continuing to be held between the Clay County Commissioners, IDEM, HWC, and the funding agency (Rural Development).

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Q. Query, P.E.
Project Manager

/Attachment

Cc: Clay County Commissioners
Eric Somheil, Clay County Commissioners Attorney
Eric Smith, P.E., HWC Engineering

**Coalmont, Clay County
Wastewater Agreed Order
Proposed Compliance Plan Schedule
September 2023**

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

*The estimated dates assume an OCRA Grant Award in August 2025 and are contingent on agency review times.

**The Regional Sewer District 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.