



Southwest Regional Office

April 1, 2015

Dear Officials:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sent you a letter on March 27, 2015 outlining a process in which it requested continued improvements in your Sanitary Sewer Collection System ("SSS"). The letter stated that customer municipalities of ALCOSAN ("Customer Municipalities") that operate SSS's could self-regulate sewer connections or taps under certain conditions after the execution of a Consent Order and Agreement ("COA") with the DEP or an Administrative Consent Order ("ACO") with the Allegheny County Health Department ("ACHD"). A question has arisen on whether or how new connections or taps to sewer collection systems subject to a Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") will be controlled until a new COA or ACO is executed.

The DEP acknowledges that under the requirements of your former COA or ACO you have submitted a Feasibility Study and an accompanying implementation schedule. As you know, however, the Feasibility Study was intended and designed to dovetail into a Wet Weather Plan proposed by ALCOSAN, which initially proposed to accept all sewage flows from the Customer Municipalities. For a variety of reasons, ALCOSAN is in the process of revising its Wet Weather Plan to address your flow contribution to the ALCOSAN sewer interceptor system. Specifically, the revised ALCOSAN Wet Weather Plan will call for a reduction of flows conveyed from your SSS to the ALCOSAN sewer system.

Given the circumstances, the DEP will afford the affected Customer Municipalities 120 days from the date of this letter either to submit a CAP that includes flow reduction projects or to execute a new COA or ACO, the conditions of which were outlined in our March 27, 2015 letter. During this interim period, the DEP will evaluate requests for additional connections on a case-by-case basis, and may allow you to issue or allocate connections under your current plan. The DEP, however, reserves all of its rights to take any and all legal, equitable and administrative actions should new proposed or completed connections (i) cause a public or statutory nuisance or (ii) cause or exacerbate a hydraulic overload in your system or in any sewer system into which your sewer system discharges. All necessary planning modules and revisions for any new

connections should continue to be submitted to the DEP pursuant to Chapter 71 of the DEP's Rules and Regulations, 25 Pa. Code §§71.1 et. seq.

To the extent that there are questions about this letter, the DEP would appreciate you coordinating your inquiries through the 3Rivers Wet Weather Association. 3Rivers Wet Weather Association can act as facilitator or clearing house for the collective inquiries of the Customer Municipalities under a CAP. This will make the responses from the DEP more timely and complete. Of course, if you have an urgent issue, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Kriley of my staff by phone at 412.442.4312.

Please be advised that this letter sets forth the DEP's intended future action. This letter is not intended, nor shall it be construed, as a final action of the DEP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Malone".

Susan Malone
Regional Director
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