

Kurt U. Schaefer Director

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Dwain Hahs, Mayor City of Jackson 101 Court Street Jackson, MO 63755 Via email to jsanders@jacksonmo.org

RE: Jackson Wastewater Treatment Plant, MO-0022853, Cape Girardeau County, Referral Notice of Violation No. SE240018

Dear Mayor Hahs:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is pursuing Enforcement Action against the city of Jackson for non-compliance with Missouri Clean Water Law and its implementing regulations through an administrative order. Enclosed, please find one copy of a draft Abatement Order on Consent (AOC) for joint signature detailing proposed terms to achieve resolution. Such an agreement will avoid the time and expense of litigation and provide the quickest route to compliance and resolution of this issue. At this time, the department is offering to reduce the \$6,833.50 administrative penalty by 20 percent to \$5,466.80, if the AOC is signed and returned within 30 days receipt of the draft AOC. This 30-day deadline may be extended at the department's discretion.

If the AOC is acceptable as written, please sign and date the AOC and forward it and a check in the amount of \$5,466.80 for the administrative penalty and a check in the amount of \$407.02 for the department's investigative costs and expenses to:

> Accounting Program Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 477 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0477

If the AOC is not acceptable as written, you may submit an alternative AOC containing the same basic provisions for our consideration to the address listed below. If you would like to schedule a meeting to negotiate any terms of this agreement, please respond within 30 days receipt of this letter to Madisyn Branch at Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, Compliance and Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176; by phone at 573-522-3779; or by email at cwenf@dnr.mo.gov.

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If we do not receive a response or we are unable to reach an agreement, the department may issue an Administrative Penalty Order or initiate referral of these violations to the Attorney General's Office to pursue litigation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

John Hoke Director

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Enclosure

c: Brad Ledbetter, Director, Southeast Regional Office Accounting Program