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Project Number: S-2025-0005
CWF Loan Number: 4145-05/-07

Pete Hartz, Wastewater Treatment Manager
City of Watertown
800 Hoffman Road
Watertown, WI 53094

Subject: Approval of City of Watertown's Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan

Dear Mr. Hartz:

The Department of Natural Resources (hereafter Department) has completed the review of your Wastewater Facilities Plan. The Facilities Plan is hereby approved. The Department concurs with the selected alternative that includes a series of phased wastewater treatment plant improvements, principally consisting of equipment replacement and miscellaneous improvements, divided into near-term (0-2 years), mid-term (3-5 years), and long-term (5-10 years) phases.

The near-term improvements include the replacement of the existing preliminary treatment equipment, primary sludge and scum pumps, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system¹, and polymer system. Other near-term miscellaneous improvements include electrical service upgrades, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system improvements, gas monitoring and fire alarm system replacements. The mid-term improvements include the replacement of the scum well pump and mixer, blowers and diffusers, chemical feed system equipment, sludge dewatering centrifuges, sludge grinders and conveyors, generator, and automatic transfer switch. Other mid-term miscellaneous improvements include adding primary sludge line cleanouts, adding a raw sewage pump station, aeration basin concrete rehabilitation, and improvements to scum well and HVAC system. The long-term improvements include the replacement of raw sewage pumps, primary and final clarifier mechanism and drives, secondary treatment pumping and mixing equipment, mixers for the anaerobic digester, the dual fueled boiler and waste gas burner, and storm water pumps.

The fundable capacity has been determined in conformance with s. NR 162.04(1)(c), Wisc. Administrative Code. Therefore, the recommended parallel cost ratios of 94.1%, 84.2%, and 99.4% for the near-term, mid-term, and long-term improvements, respectively, should be used for determination of the portion of the overall project construction eligible for subsidy under the Clean Water Fund Program. The parallel cost ratios should be verified as part of the department's review of proposed construction plans & specifications for associated projects.

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

¹ The department previously approved an abbreviated facilities plan and construction plans & specifications for the City of Watertown's UV disinfection system replacement project on August 13, 2025 under DNR review number S-2025-0583.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with s. NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing does not extend the 30 day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 227.48(2), Wis. Stats.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary



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