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Dear Colin Javra:

Re: South End Water Pollution Control Centre (SEWPCC) - Environment Act Licence No. 2716 RR - Quarterly Progress Report Response

Thank you for the January 25, 2022 quarterly progress report regarding the South End Water Pollution Control Centre (SEWPCC) upgrade projects during the months of October, November, and December 2021.

The report mentions a power interruption that occurred on December 25, 2021, which resulted in a backflow of media out of the biological nutrient removal (BNR) system. However, the impact of the media backflow and hence the delayed seeding on the schedules for meeting phosphorous, nitrogen, and other licence effluent limits is unclear.

As per condition 2 of the December 22, 2021 notice of alteration approval, the City of Winnipeg (City) is required to notify the directors of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch (ECE) and Environmental Approvals Branch (EAB) if any further delays are to be expected or there is indication that delays may occur. Further, the City is required to develop a plan to mitigate or avoid any anticipated delay.

While the City has notified ECE and EAB that there may be potential delays, we have not received clarification that there will be delays to the March 2022 timeline for compliance with the licence limit for total phosphorous, and the July 2022 timeline for compliance with all licence effluent nutrient limits, and any plans to mitigate potential delays..

As well, in the quarterly progress report, *Table 1: SEWPCC Contract 4 Tasks and Schedule Milestone Dates* has been updated to indicate that substantial performance will not be complete until Q3 2023. Again, as per Condition 2 of the December 22, 2021 notice of alteration approval, the City must develop a plan to mitigate or avoid any anticipated delay, and we have not receive any such plans.

Please be reminded that the City must adhere to the schedule in the November 29, 2021 notice of alteration, *Table 1: SEWPCC Commissioning Sequence*, as approved on December 22, 2021.

The City must continue submitting these quarterly progress reports encompassing all of the identified activities and milestones and accurately reflecting what has been accomplished during the respective reporting period. For clarity, the revised report and future reports must include an updated *Table 1* from the November 29, 2021 notice of alteration confirming completed tasks and outstanding tasks with the expected completion dates. Reports must clearly articulate issues that arise as well as plans to mitigate those issues to meet timelines outlined in the December 22, 2021 Notice of Alteration approval.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or have questions on expectations to be included in future reports, please contact Bereket Assefa, Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch, at Bereket.Assefa@gov.mb.ca or 204-330-4613.

Sincerely,

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