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Dear Mr. Warne:

NYSDOH and USEPA have reviewed the Revised 2007 FAD deliverables that were due by February 28, 2015. Our comments are attached. We would appreciate if you could provide a reply to these comments by April 30, 2015. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Att.

Cc (electronic):

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NYSDOH/USEPA Comments on FAD Deliverables due February 28, 2015

6.2 Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Inspection Reports Summary – 3rd and 4th quarter 2014

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Inspection Report, Summary – 3rd and 4th quarter 2014 was submitted as required by the Revised 2007 FAD. The deliverable is met.

Clarifications are requested for the items listed below. The summary report states that:

- (p.7) Andritz will not come to run the plate and frame press unit for the Boiceville WWTP “until the balance of the sand filter repairs is paid”. Please identify the responsible party and the reason for the delinquency in payment. Also, provide an update on status of the press unit repair/performance optimization;
- (p.8) an application to modify the SPDES permit for the Chichester SSTS, a DEP-owned facility, was submitted to NYSDEC. Additional information is requested about the justification/reason for such modification;
- (p. 18) Item A7 received a rating of Marginal during December’s inspection of the Hunter WWTP. The report alleges that the cause of high flow was identified as the local drinking water treatment plant (WTP) which “was stuck in the backwash mode”. The plant owner/operator was notified but “it took some time before he responded and corrected the problem”. To avoid similar delays in response in the future, WWTP personnel might consider working with WTP personnel to develop an emergency notification protocol;
- (p.21) various items (i.e., A3, A4, D2) at the L’man Achai WWTP were rated either unsatisfactory or marginal during both, the 3rd and the 4th Quarter Inspections. Please provide additional information about the joint DEP/DEC pre-season start-up inspections (e.g. anticipated date, involved parties, proposed actions on how to resolve persistent deficiencies and expedite compliance prior to the summer 2015 season);
- (p.28) on July 1, 2014, DMR monitoring data from Oorah Camp WWTP indicated high exceedance of the SPDES action level for TDS (TDS more than twice the action level). Has the reason for the elevated reading been identified?
- (p 37) on November 24, 2014 DEP received a letter from Timber Lake (Camp) WWTP indicating that all issues cited with a marginal rating had been addressed. Please confirm that microfiltration deficiencies cited during the July 17th and October 24th inspections have been remediated. Please provide additional information about the proximity of this WWTP’s discharge to Ashokan reservoir.

6.2 WWTP Water Quality Sampling Monitoring Semiannual Report (July 1 – December 31, 2014)

The Semiannual Report on water quality sample monitoring of the NYC-owned and non-City-owned WWTPs was submitted as required by the Revised 2007 FAD. The deliverable is met.

Additional information/clarification is requested for the following items:

- (p.9) monitoring data as of 13Aug14 for the Delhi WWTP indicated noticeable elevations in Settleable Solids and Fecal Coliform levels. Please provide additional information on the cause, if determined.
- (p.12) monitoring data for the Roxbury Run WWTP as of 16Oct14 showed substantial increase in the Suspended Solids level. Please provide additional information on the cause, if determined.