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Re:  Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
Modified Consent Decree – Civil Action No. 93-3212

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Paragraph 56 of the Modified Consent Decree, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) hereby submits the Quarterly Report for the period ending December 31, 2011.

This report contains a summary of compliance with and activities related to:

56a
- Repair of Pump Stations
- Implementation of RMAPs
- Progress of ESSA Repairs

56b
- Retained Cross Connections
56c
  • O&M Plan for the Fluidized Bed Incinerator

56d
  • Private Property Sewer Events

These activities are described in Sections VIII, XV, XI, and XIX of the Modified Consent Decree. For ready reference, the Executive Summary contains a synopsis of the Quarterly Report, including Modified Consent Decree accomplishments that occurred during the quarter. Detailed activities described according to Consent Decree section and paragraph order, are summarized in Sections I through Section VI of the report. The appendix contains additional information and backup material for each section. Appendix F contains a listing of all Consent Decree accomplishments since the lodging of the Modified Decree. Appendix G contains a listing of all Consent Decree accomplishments since the inception of the Decree up until the lodging of the Modified Decree.

I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this document is true, accurate, and complete. As to those identified portions of this document for which I cannot personally verify their truth and accuracy, I certify as the official having supervisory responsibility for the persons who, acting under my direct instructions, made the verification, that this is true, accurate, and complete.

Sincerely,

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