Message

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Sent: 5/5/2021 7:03:36 PM
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CC: Smith, William (Region 3) [smith.william@epa.gov]; Kim, Lena [Kim.Lena@epa.gov]; Pratt, Stacie [Pratt.Stacie@epa.gov]; Landis, Jeffrey [Landis.Jeffrey@epa.gov]; White, Terri-A [White.Terri-A@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DRAFT response to CRW sewer overflow inquiry
Attachments: Capital Region Water.CWA.Stipulated Penalty Demand.11.26.2019.pdf

On November 26, 2019, EPA issued a stipulated penalty demand for $11,500 for sewer overflows, which CRW paid. Copy of demand letter enclosed

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Roy, this looks good to me. About the stips from last year which information is FOIAble, I spoke with Nina and she believes we can release that information since it's public without actually getting a FOIA.
Thanks for your help!
pam

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Importance: High

Pam and Steve: Based on our discussion, here is my first draft at a response to the reporter. Let me know if we can provide information on penalties EPA may have imposed on CRW. This would address his question: "Have there been any sanctions handed down regarding this?"

Please edit as needed.

Bill – As always, I am open to your suggestions.

Reporter Wallace McKelvey, Harrisburg Patriot News (Pennlive.com)

Inquiry: I'm following up on this letter from last April in which you cited deficiencies in Harrisburg/CRW's response to sewer overflows and demanded additional remediation to reduce sewer discharges.

What has been done since then? What was CRW's response, if any? Have there been any sanctions handed down regarding this?

Also, I'd appreciate the most updated information you have on the amount of combined sewage being discharged per year or per month. According to this letter, in 2019 the CRW discharged 900 million gallons…

One more thing: If you happen to have CRW's Chapter 94 report handy (it usually is submitted each year on Mar. 31 but I can't find it any of the usual places online), I'd appreciate if you could send it my way. Here's a link to last year's.

DRAFT EPA Response: Several issues remain unresolved regarding the consent decree with Capital Region Water. EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection continue to hold discussions with CRW. These discussions are enforcement confidential.

Regarding CRW's Chapter 94 report, EPA does not have access to an electronic version of this report. The report was created by CRW and provided to PADEP. They would be your best resource to obtain a copy.

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Subject: Re: CRW sewer overflow response

Thanks, Terri!

One more thing: If you happen to have CRW's Chapter 94 report handy (it usually is submitted each year on Mar. 31 but I can't find it any of the usual places online), I'd appreciate if you could send it my way. Here's a link to last year's.

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Subject: RE: CRW sewer overflow response

Hi Wallace,

We will try our best to get answers to your questions by COB today.

Terri

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Subject: CRW sewer overflow response

Hi Terri, Steven and Pamela,

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I'll be filing a story tomorrow morning. I'd appreciate a response this afternoon.

Thanks!

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