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Ms. Ann Wilson, Chief of Environmental Affairs Dept.
Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans
2900 Peoples Avenue, Rm. 215
New Orleans, LA 70122

Re: Information Request pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)
LPDES Permit Number: LAS000301

Dear Ms. Wilson:

This Information Request (Request) is issued to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO), pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), which authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA) to request information required to carry out the objectives of the CWA. The purpose of this Request is to obtain information to determine SWBNO's compliance with their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit; specifically, how you have implemented your Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges to the Maximum Extent Practicable. The Request includes the MS4 Self-Assessment (Assessment) to obtain specific information about your SWMP. The Assessment contains an Introduction and fourteen modules, which can be accessed at this web link: http://www.epa.gov/la/compliance-assurance-and-enforcement-louisiana. If you are unable to access the modules using this link, please contact the Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Carol Johnson. The reporting period for this Assessment is January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

Your response to the Request must be post-marked no later than thirty days from the date of this letter. Compliance with this Request is mandatory.

In conjunction with the Assessment, EPA Region 6, in cooperation with your permitting authority, may conduct an on-site visit and/or inspection of your MS4 owned and operated facilities.

Please be advised that failure to respond to the Request within the thirty-day period or to provide full, complete, true and correct responses, may result in the filing of an enforcement action by the U.S. Department of Justice seeking issuance of a court order directing you to properly respond to the Request. Your failure to comply with such an order could result in the assessment of civil penalties up to $37,500 for each day you fail to comply with the order.

EPA urges you to give this matter your immediate attention and respond to this Request in a timely manner. Your response should be mailed to Ms. Carol Johnson (6EN-WS) at the address above.

If you have any questions regarding this Request, you may contact Carol Johnson, of the Water Enforcement Branch, at (214) 665-8471 or by email at Johnson.carol@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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