



**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Water Resources**  
Knoxville Environmental Field Office  
3711 Middlebrook Pike  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37921

April 28, 2017

Mr. Jack Rhyne  
City Manager, City of Maynardville  
P.O. Box 217  
Maynardville, Tennessee 37807

RE: Overflows at Manhole #394  
Maynardville Sewer Treatment Plant  
TN0022870, Union County

Dear Mr. Rhyne:

The Division of Water Resources tracks overflows that are required to be reported by Maynardville Sewer Treatment Plant under the wastewater system's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit. The Division appreciates the effort of the Maynardville Sewer Treatment Plant to notify the Division of overflow events and the work conducted in preventing overflows from occurring. A recent review of the overflows that have occurred in the Maynardville wastewater system shows that Maynardville has experienced more than five overflows at Manhole #394 or head of the wastewater treatment plant within the last 12 months. As a reminder, these overflows are considered chronic and will prohibit the wastewater system from adding any new or additional flows upstream of the chronic overflow point. This requirement is included in Maynardville Sewer Treatment Plant's NPDES permit under Section 2.3.3.

The Division is aware that Maynardville has initiated steps to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to add a new clarifier and pumping capacity. Work is also planned on stopping major inflow and infiltration that may be exacerbating flows into the wastewater treatment plant and causing overflows to occur at the head of the plant. However, the self-imposed moratorium cannot be lifted until conditions in Section 2.3.3 of the NPDES permit are met. Due to the planned projects, the Division does request that Maynardville provide a projected schedule for the clarifier addition and pump upgrade projects by **June 9, 2017**.

The Division is aware of the effect that a self-imposed moratorium may have on the City of Maynardville and that Maynardville may have previously committed to adding flows prior to the

chronic overflow limit being reached. If this is the case, the Division does request that the wastewater system provide a list of sites and potential flows of obligated connections. Any sites not included will not be able to connect to the sewer system until permit conditions are met. The list of obligated connections must be submitted to the Division by **June 9, 2017**.

The Division appreciates your cooperation in this matter. Please continue your efforts to eliminate overflow events. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (865) 594-5564.

Sincerely,



Erich Webber  
Division of Water Resources  
Knoxville Environmental Field Office

cc: Mr. Michael Payne, Director of Utilities, City of Maynardville  
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