

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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October 21, 2022

Mr. Rick McClanahan
Bartlett Director of Utilities and Engineering
City of Bartlett
6400 Stage Road
Bartlett, TN 38134

Re: State Operating Permit

Bartlett Sanitary Sewer Collection System Treated by Memphis

Bartlett, Shelby County

Dear Mr. McClanahan:

On September 29, 2022, Mr. Eddy Bouzeid and Ms. Joellyn Brazile with the TN Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources, Memphis Environmental Field Office (DWR/MEFO), met with you and Mr. John Horne, Bartlett Assistant City Engineer, and discussed the need for the City of Bartlett to obtain a Water Quality State Operating Permit (WQSOP) for the portion of Bartlett's sanitary sewer collection system that discharges into the City of Memphis collection system for treatment. It was explained to you and Mr. Horne during the meeting that the State of Tennessee requires municipalities engaged in the operation of a municipal collection system which discharges into a collection system owned by another entity to obtain a WQSOP. It was also explained to you and Mr. Horne that the WQSOP can be terminated once the portion of the collection system is disconnected from Memphis.

TCA 69-3-108 (c) states: Any person operating or planning to operate a sewerage system shall file an application with the commissioner for a permit or, when necessary, for modification of such person's existing permit. Unless a person holds a valid permit, it is unlawful to operate a sewerage system.

TCA 69-3-108(35) states: "Sewerage system" means the conduits, sewers, and all devices and appurtenances by means of which sewage and other waste is collected, pumped, treated, or disposed.

The following website has the information about the WQSOP and general information about the application process. <a href="https://www.tn.gov/environment/permit-permits/water-permits1/water-quality-state-operation-permit.html">https://www.tn.gov/environment/permit-permits/water-permits1/water-quality-state-operation-permit.html</a>.

The Division is requesting that a WQSOP application be submitted by **December 15, 2022**. The application with the appropriate attachment(s) can be submitted electronically to <u>water.permits@tn.gov</u>; however, a preliminary project discussion must be held with the Division's Engineering Services Unit prior to applying for a WQSOP. A request for a preliminary project discussion should be sent to DWR.Engineering@tn.gov.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (901) 237-6000 or <u>Joellyn.Brazile@tn.gov</u> or Eddy Bouzeid at (901) 573-1034 or <u>Eddy.Bouzeid@tn.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Joellyn Brazile

Environmental Program Manager

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ec: John Horne – Bartlett Assistant City Engineer

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