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June 23, 2023

The Honorable Eric Jordan
Mayor
City of Bells
P.O. Box 760
Bells, TN 38006

RE: **Technical Assistance Visit**
Bells Lagoon
NPDES Permit # TN0026247
Bells, Crockett County, Tennessee

Dear Mayor Jordan,

On June 14, 2023, Ms. John Bowling and I, of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources, performed a pretreatment technical assistance inspection at the above referenced facility in order to evaluate compliance with the pretreatment section of NPDES permit TN0026247. The Division thanks Ms. Angel West and Mr. Marlon Jordan, Jr. for their time and assistance. Please see the sections below for details regarding the inspection.

I. Permit

NPDES Permit No. TN0026247 authorizes the City of Bells Wastewater Lagoon to discharge treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001 into the South Fork Forked Deer River at mile 36. The permit was effective on October 1, 2021, and it expires on September 30, 2026.

II. Inspection Details

The City of Bells has one non-categorical permitted industry, The Pictsweet Company, discharging to the wastewater treatment facility. For this inspection, a brief permit review and site visit was conducted on industrial user (IU) The Pictsweet Company. At Pictsweet, we met with Brett Lake and Dylan Cupples, and they provided a walk-through of the facility and pretreatment areas. The industry has one process water discharge point. The pretreatment process for this industry involves the use of a filter to filter the water from vegetable debris before it is

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sent to the City of Bells' wastewater lagoon. The vegetable waste is taken by Taylor Brothers. The discharge line/pipe is specifically for The Pictsweet Company process water discharge and the sampling point is near the lagoon.

There were no issues of concern found with the Bells Wastewater Lagoon during the Technical Assistance Visit. Please continue to maintain accurate records, documentation, as well as submit the necessary reports.

III. Conclusion

Compliance with permit: TN0026247 requirements helps ensure discharges that are protective of downstream fish and aquatic life and water quality. Thank you for your efforts to ensure permit compliance and to protect state water quality. If I may be of assistance in matters concerning this report, please contact me via telephone at 731-676-6604 or via email at Kaylee.Sabo@tn.gov.

Sincerely,



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