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Submitted via Electronic Mail to Vojin.Janjic@tn.gov on June 15, 2021

**RE: Wacker Polysilicon North America LLC
NPDES Permit No. TN0081311
Charleston, Tennessee
Bradley County**

Dear Mr. Janjic:

Per phone conversation and recommendation by Mike Bascom on June 8, 2021, I would like to inform you that Wacker's fumed silica (HDK®) process plant that began construction in 2017 was completed and initially operational on October 1, 2019 but has since been shut down on a temporary basis. As a result, the HDK® plant has not yet reached design capacity or long-term production capacity. The HDK® plant has only achieved 60% production and was temporarily shut down as of October 2020 and remains so today. Restart is still undefined in terms of timing and is being conducted diligently to ensure safe restart and operations.

On page 26 of 31, of our NPDES Permit No. TN0081311, Section A. Priority Pollutants, it requires wastewater effluent testing as identified on EPA Form 3510-2C for the HDK® process plant within six (6) months after reaching design or long term production capacity and prior to the application for permit renewal deadline which is September 30, 2021.

Wacker requests that the wastewater effluent testing requirement be postponed until the HDK® plant has re-started and reached design or long-term production capacity, upon which the required wastewater effluent testing as identified on EPA Form 3510-2C will be conducted and results submitted. The above information was discussed with Mike Bascom on June 8, 2021 in which Mike recommended that this correspondence be sent to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (423) 780-8160 or Jeremy Copeland at (423) 780-7953 in my absence.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mike Bascom (Chattanooga Field Office)