



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
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February 17, 2023

Mrs. Ashleigh Mustin, Engineer II
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Athens Utilities Board
100 New Englewood Rd
Athens, TN 37303

Subject: **Athens Utilities Board**
County: McMinn
Wastewater Project Number: 23.0055
Project: Co Rd 703 - 2" HDPE sewer Force Main Extension

Dear Mrs. Mustin:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources, acknowledges the receipt of your construction documents on January 30, 2023.

The project consists of the installation of approximately 120 linear feet of 2-inch low-pressure sewer line, grinder pumps, and related appurtenances.

Approval is granted in accordance with certain requirements of the Water Quality Control (WQC) Act of 1977 and the Regulations of the Water Quality Control Board. **On the cover sheet (s) of the site's set of plans and specifications, the approval date and its expiration date will be stamped by the division. Any indication of tampering with the bound set of documents will be subject to investigation and prosecution.** One complete set of construction documents, bearing the official stamp, must be kept at the construction site.

Approval expires one year from the stamped approval date (February 17, 2023) unless construction is either underway or complete. Any request for an extension must be made prior to this expiration date. Significant deviations from the approved plan documents must be submitted and approved in writing before such changes are made. Minor changes made during construction need not have prior written approval. Modifications, however, may be required by this Department

should the changes be deemed inappropriate. It is advisable, therefore, to obtain prior approval in cases where the significance of the change is uncertain.

The Division of Water Resources is authorized to inspect the construction work to verify compliance with the approved plans and specifications, which are on the site. Therefore, the engineer shall notify our staff at the Chattanooga Environmental Field Office by calling (423) 634-5745 before the start of construction.

Approval of these construction documents should not be construed as a permit for any activities related to this project. Activities which may require a permit under the WQC Act and Regulations include, but are not limited to, the following: streambank vegetation removal; creek crossing(s) for equipment or utility lines; construction within twenty (20) feet of a stream bank; construction in or near a marshy area or wetland, and/or land disturbance equal to or greater than one acre. Additionally, this approval does not authorize connection and use of sewer that will cause or contribute to collection system overflow or overload of receiving wastewater treatment facility.

The Chattanooga Environmental Field Office should also be contacted for determinations regarding whether modification of the existing NPDES or SOP permit, an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) and/or a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) construction stormwater permit will need to be obtained prior to the beginning of construction of this project.

The division's most recent TDEC Technical/Engineering Documents, including "*Design Criteria for Review of Sewage Works Construction Plans and Documents*", Chapters 1-17, of November 1, 2017, is available on our website: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/water-quality-reports---publications.html>.

To expedite matters, please reference the assigned wastewater project number 23.0055 in any future correspondence. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Adnan Bahour, Ph.D. at (615) 532-0638 or by E-mail at Adnan.Bahour@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" being more prominent than the last name "Jones".

Angela Jones, P.E.
Manager, Engineering Services Unit

cc: Water-Based Systems File
Ms. Jennifer H. Innes, Unit Manager, TDEC - Chattanooga Environmental Field Office,
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