Town of Bell Buckle

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Sarah Elias, NPDES Compliance Manager Department of Environment & Conservation Division of Water Resources William R Snodgrass-Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 11th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-1102

Dear Ms. Elias: Please see our written explanation for the violations:

On 7/15/2022 E Coli Violation was at max due to excess rain 1.50", plus excess rain two days prior. The filters clogged & required cleaning by back washing. The Operator at that time had a full EQ basin & when the plant came back online, did not have the retention time needed to get a good kill.

On 10/17/2022 This high chlorine Violation of .83 (Free chlorine) was entered on wrong bench sheet. The reading day before as well as day after was 0.00 & should have been the report for this day as well. The operator should have caught this at the time of filling out the NETDMR.

On 11/22/2022 and 11/23/2022 EColi Violations were a result of trying to manually control dosage to maintain correct levels.

In closing, this is an explanation not an excuse by any means. The two operators during these violations are no longer employed by the Town of Bell Buckle, and many efforts to maintain within our permits are our goals. Please contact me if any other questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ronnie Lokey, Mayor

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