Water Enforcement Meeting between Van Buren & ADEQ Tuesday, March 3, 2015 1:00 – 1:55 P.M.

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Present: Scott McDonald, Sandra Farmer, Richard Healey, Deb Gerst, Mo Shafii, ADEQ; Steve Dufresne, Darel Manus, Larry Weir, Van Buren Municipal Utility; Josh Durham, Barry McCormick, Hawkins-Weir Engineering

Introductions were made by Mr. Healey. Ms. Farmer proposed this working meeting for questions regarding CMOM and SSES.

Mr. Dufresne said the main concern is the money needed to do the work. He said he thought they could solve the biggest problems with what funds are available. Mr. Shafii explained that EPA wants to see improvements. He asked what the facility planned to do.

The Director said they would plan for a rate increase. He said they would start with maintenance of the program because the majority of SSOs are from grease, roots and debris. He explained that they want to target specific areas on a regular basis. They are preparing for continued growth each year. Mr. Shafii and Mr. Dufresne discussed chronic problems in overflow. Usually grease and roots are not recurring.

As noted in the Consent Administrative Order (CAO), two manhole overflows have recurred. The Facility wants to make system upgrades to eliminate SSOs. The City Park needs to be reviewed and reworked. They explained they know to check certain SSOs whenever it rains because they have consistent SSO issues.

Mr. Shafii discussed the facility preparing a timeline to complete the work—including the pump station, pipes and operating the pump station. Mr. Durham said that the pump station is causing the overflow and that they must do the line work to phase in to the whole plan.

Mr. Shafii and the group discussed if it would be less expensive to go to an all new waste water treatment plant (WWTP) which would be upgraded and have a cost of a possible \$10,000,000.

The group had a lengthy discussion regarding review questions the facility brought to the meeting (See attached handout).

Mr. Shafii said that in regard to the permit modification, everything is looking good. He said ADEQ would take their guidance and calculate the expense. In the training, ADEQ plans to go further. They have been made financially responsible for damage issues.

Mr. Dufresne said that it wasn't only money lost, but lost industry too. Mr. Weir said that they didn't have a feel for Copper and Zinc. Mr. Healey said they would send biomonitoring reviews from Mary Barnett. The meeting was adjourned at: 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Gerst



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