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RE: City of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
CAO LIS 17-040: AR0046566, AFIN 38-00040  
SSES and SSO Plan

Dear Ms. Taylor:

As discussed at our December 20, 2017, I mentioned at that time the opportunity to defer the SSES and SSO Plan based on lack of current funding. The City of Walnut Ridge has yet to report an SSO since the execution of the CAO. Further, Progress Report 01 dated February 15, 2018 advised you of a sales tax election to raise funds for development of an SSES and SSO Plan. Should the sales tax pass, funds would be available on or about the November 2018.

At that time, revenue will generate a revenue surplus where SSES activities could be funded. In light of the performance of the collection system, we are asking your consideration to determine the necessity of this action and the timing of the activities as outlined in the SSES Plan submitted October 17, 2017.

City Water Works has replaced 350 linear feet of collapsed gravity flow sewer line on Old Pocahontas Road. This line failure was the cause of several of the SSOs that had been reported in the past. In addition, City Water Works contracted Cline Construction to replace 125-ft. creek crossing on HWY 67B that was permitting inflow to the collection system. Further, manholes have been raised that were below flood stage in the vicinity of Village Creek to continue infiltration abatement.

These activities described above have been completed since January 2018. These efforts in concert with the lack of SSO's warrants a discussion regarding the depth and necessity of detailed SSES and SSO Plan. We hope that you concur and look forward to scheduling a meeting with you for further discussion that provides a path forward, amicable to both parties, and one that minimizes financial burden to customers.

Sincerely,  
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