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Re: Notice of Intent to Sue National Archives and Records Administration for Clean Water Act Violations at the National Archives Facility, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740, NPDES Permit No. MD0065871, State Discharge Permit No. 09-DP-2904

Dear Ms. Lam:

I write to follow up on our prior discussion and to provide you with an update regarding the status of the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") facility located on Adelphia Road, in College Park, Maryland, regarding its use of ground water and its own wastewater treatment system associated with its cooling system and its NPDES Permit No. MD0065871/State Discharge Permit No. 09-DP-2904 ("Permit"). As explained during our prior call, NARA then intended to stop using ground water for its cooling system at this facility, which would eliminate any discharges under its Permit. Since that call, I have been informed that NARA has in fact received approval from the Washington Sanitary and Sewer Commission ("WSSC") to utilize WSSC water and WSSC's sewer return system regarding its cooling system, and as of April 1, 2016, NARA has switched over to this WSSC system. Accordingly, NARA no longer requires its Permit and recently has withdrawn its application to renew that Permit. Attached is a letter from NARA to the Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") documenting that NARA switched to the WSSC system as of April 1, 2016, and notifying MDE of NARA's withdrawal of its Permit renewal application. I will notify you once this has been confirmed by MDE.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
David Kaplan

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cc w/encl:  
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Associate General Counsel, NARA



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Re: Notice of withdrawal of Permit Number 09-DP-2904 (MD0065871), and  
withdrawal of pending application for updated permit.

To Whom it May Concern:

The National Archives and Records Administration, with respect to its facility located in College Park, Maryland, provides this notice that it is no longer discharging any effluent pursuant to the above referenced permit.

As a consequence of our decision to utilize water supplied by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission ("WSSC") for our cooling tower and to discharge our effluent (cooling tower water) into the WSSC Sanitary Sewer Collection System, pursuant to permit #08017, effective April 1, 2016, we are also withdrawing our application for an updated permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-837-3019

Sincerely,

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