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The Honorable Matthew A. Pacifico, Mayor City of Altoona 1301 12th Street, Suite 200 Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

Re: Administrative Order for Compliance on Consent (CWA-03-2018-0012DN) and Consent Agreement and Final Order (CWA-03-2018-0011)

Dear Mayor Pacifico:

On December 20, 2018, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received the City of Altoona's December 17, 2018 letter regarding the status of the St. Therese Raingarden. EPA has reviewed the letter and other materials previously submitted by the City and has determined that the City has met the requirements of paragraphs 36 through 39 of the Administrative Order for Compliance on Consent (AOCC) (CWA-03-2018-0012DN). The AOCC is therefore terminated. In addition, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has received the City of Altoona's payment pursuant to the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) (CWA-03-2018-0011) between the City of Altoona and EPA. As a result, the CAFO is terminated as well.

Please note, however, that any noncompliance with an NPDES permit or the Clean Water Act (CWA) could result in the initiation of further review and action pursuant to the Federal enforcement provisions set forth in Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. Section 1319. All permittees are therefore encouraged to pay close attention to all permit conditions.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Gold of my staff at 215-814-5236.

Sincerely,

Andrew Dinsmore, Chief NPDES Enforcement Branch

Cc: Mr. Nathan Kissell, Director (via first-class mail) Larry Clapper, Esq. (via electronic mail)

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