

In the Matter of: § Docket No. CWA-06-2017-2704  
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Lafourche Parish Government, § Status Report  
a Louisiana Municipality §  
Respondent. §  
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### STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW COMPLAINANT, Director of the Water Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (“EPA” or “Complainant”), to provide a Status Report for the above-captioned matter.

As detailed in previous Status Reports dated April 19, 2017, and May 12, 2017, Complainant issued an Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Complaint”) to the Lafourche Parish Government (“Respondent” or “the Parish”) on October 24, 2016, seeking a civil monetary penalty for violation of Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).

During the week of April 10, 2017, Respondent contacted EPA, expressing a desire to address the Complaint and related compliance concerns. Since that time, Respondent has regularly met with EPA via teleconference regarding the factual basis of EPA’s claims and potential paths to resolution.

During the week of May 22, 2017, the Parish Council approved the selection of environmental legal counsel to represent the Parish in this matter. Since that time, counsel for Respondent and EPA have engaged in preliminary discussions. Counsel for Respondent has expressed intent to file an Answer to the Complaint in the immediate future.

Counsel for Respondent was consulted regarding the content of this Status Report.

Respectfully,



Jay Przyborski  
Assistant Regional Counsel EPA, Region 6

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original of the foregoing STATUS REPORT was hand delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA - Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 and a true and correct copy was sent to the following on this 2nd day of June 2017, by the method indicated below:

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Cynthia Parker  
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