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May 2, 2014

Cheryl Kubish  
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Dear Cheryl Kubish:

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Yours truly,  
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Attachment

- c. Tim Prawdzik, Provincial Manager, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch  
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**From:** Basu, Saibal [saibal.basu@stantec.com]  
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Rafiqul,

We have reviewed the comments on the EAP Submission for the Thompson WWTP (see attached). Our response are as follows:

**1. Comments from the Office of the Fire Commissioner**

The comments are duly noted. When the project is tendered, the General Contractor is typically required by the specification to obtain a building permit based on the engineered drawings and finally an occupancy permit at completion. Also, the proposed buildings in the WWTP will be designed in accordance to the National Building Code/Manitoba Building Code which will address the required Fire Safety requirements. This will be done during the detailed design phase of the project.

**2. Comments from the Office of Drinking Water**

We confirm that connections to existing domestic water distribution will be protected by implementing backflow prevention/backflow siphoning. This feature will be included in the design drawings and appropriate products identified in the project specifications.

**3. Comments from Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship**

In response to the concerns of the Branch, there are a number of successful SBR systems in operations in the North. This includes the City of Flin Flon and the Town of Gillam. A few others have been installed in First Nations Communities of Garden Hill, Red Sucker Lake and St. Theresa Point. In the south there is RM of Gimli, RM of Headingley, RM of East St. Paul, RM of St. Clements (Lockport) and the City of Portage.

SBR is a well-established treatment technology with very good track record in Manitoba. However, like any other wastewater process, it does require qualified and trained staff to monitor and maintain the system components. For a project like Thompson, it has been our experience to have the installation contractor in conjunction with the equipment supplier to operate and demonstrate the plant performance before it is accepted from a contractual perspective. These periods are not on a long-term basis but only for a short-term (typically 2 to 3 months) of operation. However, the City does have the option to extend the operating period or retain a professional agency to take over the plant operations. While this kind of arrangements are common in Alberta and BC, we haven't seen much in Manitoba. Regardless, the comments/concerns are noted and will be discussed during the detailed design.

Trust this meets your requirements. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

**Saibal Basu, Ph.D., P.Eng.**

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