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December 24, 2015

Mr. John Glascock City of Columbia P.O. Box 6015 Columbia, MO 65205-6015

Re: Integrated Management Plan, Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Glascock:

Thank you for meeting with me and staff of the Water Protection Program to discuss various issues relating to the city of Columbia's wastewater treatment system.

In the meeting, we discussed the ongoing status of an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to resolve certain discharge violations, and the development of a new permit for the Columbia wastewater treatment plant. As part of the combined resolution to both discharge issues and the future discharge permitting for the plant, we discussed how an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) would be coordinated with those two documents.

There are several options of how to incorporate the Integrated Management Plan into our current discussions on the AOC and the permit. The purpose of my letter is to acknowledge to you, as a representative for the city, that it is the intent of the department to include the Integrated Management Plan into our discussion and that we endorse Columbia going forward with an Integrated Management Plan as quickly as possible. I can assure you that the plan will provide part of the foundation that supports our resolution through either the AOC or the permit. I appreciate your patience as we reach a conclusion for the best place to incorporate this necessary and important planning work by the city.

It is our understanding that the city has solicited the development of an IMP based primarily upon U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's guidance document for integrated management planning. We also understand that you are prepared to proceed but have been waiting for our confirmation. This letter serves as our confirmation of this approach.

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We look forward to continuing to work on Columbia's system together and incorporating this significant planning exercise into our current discussions. Thank you for your and the city's foresight to take a comprehensive look at the diverse needs we will work through.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

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