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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

January 28, 2025

A. Nicholas Reynolds, P.E.
KFW ENGINEERS + SURVEYING
3421 Paesanos Pkwy #200
San Antonio, TX 78231

Re: Crystal Clear Special Utility District
Gatehouse Subdivision Unit 4
Permit No. WQ0015266-001
WWPR Log No. 0125/097
CN605149392, RN107324121
Comal County

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We received the project summary transmittal letter dated 1/13/2025.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules which regulate the design, installation, and testing of domestic wastewater treatment projects are found in 30 TAC, Chapter 217, titled Design Criteria for Wastewater Systems.

Section 217.6(d), relating to case-by-case reviews, states in part that upon receipt of a summary transmittal letter, the executive director may approve of the project without reviewing a complete set of plans and specifications.

Under the authority of 30 TAC §217.6(e), a technical review of complete plans and specifications for this project is not required, and **the project proposed in the summary transmittal letter is approved for construction. Please note that this conditional approval does not relieve the applicant of any responsibilities to obtain all other necessary permits or authorizations, such as a wastewater treatment permit or any other authorization as required by Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code.** Below are provisional requirements in 30 TAC Chapter 217, which must be met as a condition of approval. These items are provided as a reminder. If you have already met these requirements, please disregard this additional notice.

- You must keep records of certain materials for the life of the project and be prepared to provide them to TCEQ upon request. These materials include an engineering report, test results, a summary transmittal letter, and the final version of the project plans and specifications. These materials shall be prepared and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Texas and must show substantial compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 217. All plans and specifications must conform to any wastewater discharge requirements authorized in a permit issued by TCEQ. Specific items that must be addressed in the engineering report are discussed in 30 TAC §217.6(d). Additionally, the engineering report must include all constants, graphs, equations, and calculations needed to show substantial compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 217. The items which shall be included in the summary transmittal letter are addressed in 30 TAC §217.6(d)(1)-(9).

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- Any deviations from 30 TAC Chapter 217 shall be disclosed in the summary transmittal letter, and the technical justifications for those deviations shall be provided in the engineering report. Any deviations from 30 TAC Chapter 217 shall be based on the best professional judgement of the licensed professional engineer sealing the materials and the engineer's judgement that the design would not result in a threat to public health or the environment.
- Any variance from a 30 TAC Chapter 217 requirement disclosed in your summary transmittal letter is approved. If in the future, additional variances from the requirements in 30 TAC Chapter 217 are desired for the project, each variance must be requested in writing by the design engineer. TCEQ will then consider granting a written approval to the additional variance requests for the specific project and the specific circumstances.
- Within 60 days of construction completion, an appointed engineer shall notify both the Wastewater Permitting Section of the TCEQ Water Quality Division and the appropriate TCEQ Regional Office of the completion date. The engineer shall also provide written certification that all construction, materials, and equipment were substantially in accordance with the approved project, and the rules of TCEQ, as well as provide any change orders filed with TCEQ throughout the duration of project construction. All notifications, certifications, and change orders must include the signed and dated seal of a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Texas.

This approval does not mean that future projects will be approved without a complete plans and specifications review. TCEQ will provide notification whenever a project is to undergo a complete plans and specifications review. Please note 30 TAC §217.7(a) states, "Approval given by the executive director or other authorized review authority does not relieve an owner of any liability or responsibility with respect to designing, constructing, or operating a collection system or treatment facility in accordance with applicable commission rules and the associated wastewater permit".

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please call me at (512) 239-4552.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis C. Herrin, III".

Louis C. Herrin, III, P.E.
Water Quality Division (MC 148)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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cc: TCEQ, Region 13 Office