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DIRECTOR

December 8, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Karen W. Weaver
Mayor of Flint
1101 South Saginaw Street
Flint, Michigan 48502

Dear Mayor Weaver:

SUBJECT: *Pipeline Plan* Approval

Thank you for the copy of your December 7, 2016, letter to Mr. Chris Korleski of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, that included the *Pipeline Plan* required by Paragraph 60.b.i. of the USEPA's First Amendment to the Emergency Order (Amended Order), which was issued on November 17, 2016, to the city of Flint (City), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the State of Michigan pursuant to Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Paragraph 60.b.i. of the Amended Order also requires the MDEQ to approve the *Pipeline Plan*.

We have reviewed the *Pipeline Plan* to complete the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline connection to the City water treatment plant and the schedule for the design, permitting, and construction of the 36-inch pipeline and, hereby, approve the *Pipeline Plan*. We are also pleased to report that the first two milestones in your *Pipeline Plan* are now complete. The final engineering plans and specifications have been completed, and the MDEQ has issued the construction permit for this project pursuant to the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended. Construction Permit No. 162068 was issued today, December 8, 2016, and a copy is enclosed for your records.

The State of Michigan continues to be a full partner with the City and the USEPA with its primary focus on ensuring a safe drinking water system for the residents of Flint. If you have questions or if I can be of assistance, please contact me at 517-284-6524; feighnerb@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,

Bryce Feighner, P.E., Chief
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance

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