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Mallorey Smith
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Surface Water
Northwest District Office
347 North Dunbridge Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402

RE: City of Galion ADDF Capacity Notification Response (NPDES Permit No. 2PD00030)

Dear Ms. Smith:

Wessler Engineering, Inc. is providing this response on behalf of the City of Galion regarding Ohio EPA's October 28, 2026, wastewater treatment capacity notification. The City is currently completing a No Feasible Alternatives (NFA) evaluation of its wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The ongoing NFA provides the City's plan for evaluating current and future wastewater flows, identifying recommended improvements, and developing an implementation schedule to address future wastewater treatment needs.

Project Status

Since the City's June 2026 NFA Progress Report, the remaining collection system field investigations, including smoke testing, have been completed. The completed Flow Monitoring Report and the Collection System Evaluation Report currently being prepared by Wessler Engineering will serve as supporting appendices to the NFA. These reports document the collection system evaluation, including existing conditions, wet-weather response, I/I investigations, and identified system needs.

Evaluation of the WWTP as a whole is also underway. Wessler Engineering is reviewing existing treatment processes and facilities, current and future wastewater flows and loadings, hydraulic and treatment capacity, wet-weather operations, and facility needs. The purpose of the evaluation is to identify existing and future treatment needs and evaluate potential improvements to the WWTP.

Project Schedule

Wessler Engineering and the City intend to continue the NFA in accordance with the following schedule:

- **February 2027:** Develop the technical information, improvement alternatives, and planning-level project costs needed to support the Financial Capability Assessment.
- **April 2027:** Complete the Financial Capability Assessment and incorporate its findings into the evaluation of alternatives and development of an implementation schedule.
- **May 2027:** Provide a draft NFA to the City for review and comment.

- **May through June 2027:** Address City comments and complete final revisions.
- **June 14, 2027:** Submit the final NFA to Ohio EPA in accordance with the Director's Final Findings and Orders.

Anticipated Next Steps

Wessler Engineering will continue completing the collection system and WWTP evaluations and developing improvement alternatives and planning-level costs for coordination with the Financial Capability Assessment. The results will be incorporated into the NFA to identify recommended improvements and establish an associated implementation schedule for addressing the City's current and future wastewater treatment capacity needs. The City will account for applicable Ohio EPA permitting and review requirements, including Permit to Install (PTI) approval where required.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (419) 358-0521 or at RyanB@wesslerengineering.com. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
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