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Glenn Ryan, President
Wells County Regional Sewer District
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September 2, 2011

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: March 31, 2012 Target Date for
Wells County RSD District Plan Revision

On September 1, 2011, this office received your letter (copy enclosed) requesting an extension of six months to March 31, 2012, for the Wells County Regional Sewer District to revise its District Plan to include its implementation schedule for addressing failing septic systems discharges into the McKinney/Paxson Ditches. Your request is hereby granted.

Thank you for communicating the commitment of the Wells County Commissioners and Wells County Council to actions to support the determination of a feasible solution/project and to update/strengthen the County Ordinance. As you know, the process is underway for setting a discussion meeting date. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Cluxton at 317/232-8432.

Sincerely,

Mary Hollingsworth
Branch Chief
Surface Water, Operations and Enforcement
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Office of Water Quality

Enclosure

cc: Peter Cole, President, Wells County Council
Kevin Woodward, President, Wells County Commissioners
Trent Patterson, Wells County Attorney
Michael Lautzenheiser, Wells County Planning Director
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Wells County Health Department
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WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

August 30, 2011

Paul Cluxton, Enforcement Case Manager
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Re: Response to Letter of Noncompliance with Agreed Order Dated July 28, 2011
Case No. 2002-11499-W
Wells County

Dear Mr. Cluxton:

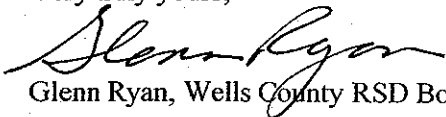
This letter serves to request an extension of six months to March 31, 2012 for submittal of a complete District Plan. This will allow the Wells County Regional Sewer District to evaluate lower cost alternatives for resolving the failing septic systems discharge problem to the McKinney/Paxson Ditches. The District will:

- Work in cooperation with the City of Bluffton who already serves some of the residents in the McKinney/Paxson Area.
- Develop a cost estimate.
- Update the rate study.
- Meet with financing agency such as SRF or USDA Rural Development.
- Submit a feasible solution/project.
- Develop a detailed time schedule.
- Submit the updated Wells County Sewer Use Ordinance which is in the process of being adopted by the County Commissioners.

The Wells County Commissioners and Wells County Council are committed to these necessary actions.

The Wells County Regional Sewer District has requested a meeting with you to discuss this further.

Very truly yours,



Glenn Ryan, Wells County RSD Board President

cc: Paul Cluxton, IDEM Enforcement
Lynne Newlon, Regional Water & Sewer District Coordinator
Trent M. Patterson, Wells County Attorney
Kevin Woodward, Wells County Commissioners
Peter Cole, President County Council
Mary Hollingsworth, Chief Surface Water Operations and Enforcement Branch
Heath Butz, Wells County Health Department