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Honorable Zinda McDaniel, Mayor
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RE: **Letter of Noncompliance**
Quitman Water Pollution Control Plant
LAS Permit No. GAJ020022

Dear Mayor McDaniel:

This letter serves as a Letter of Noncompliance (LON) to the City of Quitman (City) for violations of Land Application System (LAS) Permit No. GA0J020022 (Permit) issued for the Quitman Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), Section 391-3-6 of the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control (Rules), and Title 12, Chapter 5 of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Act).

A review of the Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) files indicates that from November 2022 to October 2023 the City reported nine (9) effluent violations, five (5) spills of raw sewage into waters of the State, eleven (11) monitoring violations, and one (1) reporting violation from a late partial submittal of a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) from November 2022 to October 2023, detailed in Attachment A. EPD alleges that the effluent violations, monitoring violations, reporting violation, and spills of raw sewage are violations of the Permit, Act, and the Rules.

On December 7, 2022, EPD issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) for chronic spills of raw sewage into waters of the State and flow effluent violations at the WPCP. On December 15, 2022, the City submitted a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) detailing projects to resolve the violations. On February 2, 2023, EPD received a communication from the City indicating operation management of the WPCP has changed. Further communication detailed the change in management contributed to the late submittal of the January 2023 DMR, and the monitoring violations detailed in Attachment A. On October 27, 2023, the City submitted a status update of the CAP detailing corrective action for pump stations will be completed by the end of 2023 and implementation of collection system programs are being considered.