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April 22, 2008

Norman E. LeBlanc, Director of Water Quality
Hampton Roads Sanitation District
P.O. Box 5911
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23471-0911

Subject: Placement of Weirs Between Lake Tecumseh and Canal No. 1

Dear Mr. LeBlanc:

The City has reviewed the proposal by U.S. Fish and Wildlife and has no objections to the placement of weirs between Lake Tecumseh and Canal No. 1 as proposed by HRSD and the USFWS in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Agreement dated October 1, 2007. We understand the project's purpose is to establish minimum seasonal water elevations on Lake Tecumseh and to restore pre-dredging hydrology to wetlands adjacent to the lake. We also understand a 2005 feasibility study by the U.S. Geological Survey on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded the proposed weirs would not contribute to upstream flooding in the drainage basin known as Watershed 9 because of ample runoff storage in Lake Tecumseh and adjacent wetlands. Additional review of the proposal By the City's consultant, URS Corporation, Confirms that there are no likely detrimental drainage changes that will result from the placement of the weir.

Should you have any questions you may contact me at 385-4519 or at bjohnsto@vbgov.com.

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VPDES Permit Administrator

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