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May 27, 2020

Patrick O. McNally
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Re: Final Department Initiated Modification – Cornell University Lake Source Cooling
SPDES NY0244741 DEC ID 7-5099-00009/00001

Dear Mr. McNally:

Enclosed is a final modified State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit for the above referenced facility that includes a revised final Total Phosphorus (TP) limit of 6.4 lb/d and a new Phosphorus Offset Program along with other minor changes outlined in the responsiveness summary. This permit has been modified by the NYSDEC pursuant to 6 NYCRR621.13(a)(4) and 750-1.18(b)(3)&(7).

Comments dated May 7, 2020 were received on this modification from you. Comments were also received from the parties listed in the responsiveness summary. Several discussions ensued between department staff and your facility. As a result, several changes have been made to the permit and the fact sheet. Specific details are outlined in the responsiveness summary.

Please be advised, the Uniform Procedures Regulations (6 NYCRR Part 621) provide that an applicant may request a public hearing if a permit contains conditions which are unacceptable to them. Any such request must be made in writing within 30 calendar days of the date of permit issuance and must be addressed to the Permit Administrator at the letterhead address. A copy should also be sent to the Chief Administrative Law Judge at NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, 1st Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1550.

Should you have questions on the administration of this modification, please feel free to contact me at the address or phone number listed above. Should you have technical questions on permit content, please contact Carol Lamb-Lafay at (518)-402-8132.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Tracy
Regional Permit Administrator

Enclosures:
-SDPES Permit
-Fact Sheet
-Responsiveness Summary



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