###### January 29, 2021

Edwin L. Booth, City Manager

City of Port Wentworth

305 South Coastal Highway

Port Wentworth , GA 31407

Via Email: ebooth@cityofportwentworth.com

RE: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Complaint Investigation – CTS 95484

NPDES Permit GA0038814

Chatham County

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Dear Mr. Booth,

This letter serves as notification to the City of Port Wentworth for violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. GA0038814 and Section 391-3-6 of the Georgia Rules and Regulations of Water Quality Control (Rules), and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act.

During the period of June 12, 2019 to January 16, 2021, Port Wentworth employees have recorded nine (9) major Sanitary Sewer Overflow spills to waters of the State according to the complaint #95484. These spills have not been reported to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD). An inspection, conducted by Michelle Dennis and Dea Pasya, on January 26, 2021, indicated that at least one of the spills had occurred.

The following summarizes alleged **violations** of the Georgia Rules and Regulations of Water Quality Control, Section 391-3-6 and of the NPDES Permit No. GA0038814 that were observed during the investigation:

1. Rules, Section 391-3-6-.05, *Emergency Actions*.
2. Permit No. GA0038814, Part II.11, *Notice Concerning Endangering Waters of The State* (Attachment A).

**The Division is requiring that you immediately take corrective action to address the alleged violation including, but not limited to, the following:**

1. Report all future spills to the GA EPD.
2. Follow all requirements set forth within NPDES Permit No. GA038814 and Section 391-3-6-.05 of the Rules.
3. Investigate spills that have occurred in the past on Attached B.

**Additionally, the Division is requiring that the facility respond to this letter in writing within ten (10) days of receipt. At a minimum, the response must include:**

The Division is requiring a meeting with you at EPD Coastal District Office at 400 Commerce Center Drive, Brunswick, GA, on February \_\_\_\_\_ at 10:00 a.m. to discuss these alleged violations, your exposure to civil penalties, and possible resolution through a consent order.

The Division will evaluate available information to determine whether additional enforcement action is warranted.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Dennis or me at (912) 264-7284.

Sincerely,

David M. Lyle

Program Manager

EPD-Coastal District

Enclosure- Attachment A - Permit No. GA0038814, Attachment B – List of Known Permit Violations/Clearwater Solutions