

April 27, 2022

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Robert J. Bechtold Jr. Midway Auto/Truck Plaza WWTF 6401 West Hwy 40 Columbia, MO 65202

RE: Midway Auto/Truck Plaza WWTF, MO-0100862, Operating Permit Renewal Application

Dear Permittee:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program received your application for renewal of Missouri State Operating Permit MO-0100862 on June 23, 2020.

The current application lists Robert J. Bechtold Jr. as the owner and the continuing authority is blank with no listing. However, the current permit lists an owner and continuing authority (Bechtold Properties, LLC) that is listed with the Missouri Secretary of State's office as a corporation in good standing with the state. Please confirm the owner and the continuing authority for the Midway Auto/Truck Plaza WWTF.

Department's regulations require that each application for an operating permit shall identify the person, as that term is defined in Section 644.016(15), RSMo, that is the owner of, operator of, or area-wide management authority for a water contaminant source, point source, wastewater treatment facility, or sewer collection system. This person shall be designated as the continuing authority. The person designated as the continuing authority is responsible for compliance with all permit conditions.

Continuing authorities are listed in preferential order in the regulations, level one (1) through level five (5). A level three (3), four (4), or five (5) applicant may constitute a continuing authority by showing that a level one (1) or two (2) are not available; do not have jurisdiction; are forbidden by state statute or local ordinance from providing service to the person; or that it has met one of the requirements listed in 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(C)1.–7.

The Boone County Regional Sewer District (BCRSD) and the city of Columbia jointly are the level two (2) continuing authority in Boone County. The BCRSD notified the Department that the BCRSD sewer collection system is available for connection for your facility. If the applicant wants to propose the use of a lower preference continuing authority (Bechtold Properties, LLC,

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provided the corporation is the entity the permittee prefers to use) when the higher level authority (BCRSD) is available, the applicant must submit to the Department by June 13, 2022, one (1) of the following for the Department's review:

- A waiver from the BCRSD;
- A written statement or a demonstration of non-response from the BCRSD declining the offer to accept management of the additional wastewater;
- All parts of the legal boundary of the property to be connected are beyond two thousand feet (2000') from the collection system operated by the BCRSD;
- The proposed connection or adoption charge by the BCRSD would equal or exceed what is economically feasible for the applicant, which may be in the range of one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the applicant's cost for constructing or operating a wastewater treatment system;
- The proposed service fee on the users of the system by the BCRSD that is above what is affordable for existing homeowners in that area;
- Terms for connection or adoption by the BCRSD that would require more than two (2) years to achieve full sewer service; or
- A demonstration that the terms for connection or adoption by the BCRSD are not viable or feasible to homeowners in the area.

When the Department receives the information from the applicant, the Department will then review the availability of the connection.

For permitted facilities where the Department agrees that the connection is available under the terms of the regulation, the permit application will be considered incomplete and the Department will deny the application. In addition, failure to submit a response by the deadline will result in the permit application being considered incomplete and the Department will deny the application.

If you would like information on possible funding options, please contact the Financial Assistance Center at 573-751-1192 or <u>fac@dnr.mo.gov</u>.

Please be aware the Department developed a new in-house Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) system to replace the third-party E2 eDMR system owned and maintained by EnfoTech. The new eDMR system utilizes the Missouri Gateway for Environmental Management (MoGEM) as the main login mechanism. MoGEM utilizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Shared Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) Services portal for registration and identity verification. Current users of eDMR are required to register as a new user through MoGEM before their next Discharge Monitoring Report is due. Paper applications are no longer utilized. Robert J. Bechtold Jr. Page 3

Additional information and links to the eDMR system may be found at: <u>https://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/edmr.htm</u>. Those with questions and comments may email <u>edmr@dnr.mo.gov</u> or call the eDMR Help Desk at 573-526-2082 or toll free 855-789-3889.

If you have any questions about this letter, the anticipated timing of the process, or would like to discuss the permit application, please feel free to contact Ashley Kneemueller by phone at 573-526-1503, email at <u>ashley.kneemueller@dnr.mo.gov</u>, or by mail at Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Michael J. Abbott, Chief Operating Permits Section

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c: Erin Keys, City of Columbia Tom Ratermann, Boone County Regional Sewer District Natalie Wigger, Department of Natural Resources