



Town of Griffith

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March 1, 2026

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RE: Town of Griffith Consent Decree
State of Indiana v. Sanitary District of Highland and Town of Griffith, Indiana
Case No. 2:22-cv-00086 (N.D. Ind.)

Dear Reviewing Agencies:

This letter serves as the Town of Griffith's Semi-Annual Overflow Report in accordance with Paragraph 25 of the above-referenced Consent Decree for the reporting period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and the Semi-Annual Report in accordance with Paragraph 38 of the above-referenced Consent Decree for the reporting period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Semi-Annual Overflow Report (Paragraph 25)

During the reporting period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the Town of Griffith experienced zero SSO events. The last SSO event experienced by the Town occurred on May 17, 2020. Attached is the Town of Griffith SSO Reporting Table identifying every SSO event that occurred between July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

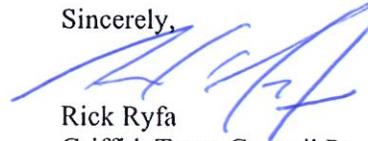
Semi-Annual Report (Paragraph 38)

During the reporting period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the Town of Griffith has continued progress towards meeting the requirements set forth in the above-mentioned Consent Decree. Preliminary design plans for the Cline Avenue Pump Station and Force Main Improvements have been halted indefinitely as the Town of Griffith was informed of delays in HSD's schedule and a Force Majeure claim was submitted by the Town of Griffith to the Agencies on November 1, 2024. Due to delays regarding HSD's portion of the project, the target schedules identified in the SSO Remedial Measures Plan will need to be pushed back indefinitely. A revised schedule will be drafted and provided upon receipt of HSD's revised project schedule.

The Town of Griffith has continued efforts to complete the requirements that are not reliant on HSD. The Town of Griffith is investigating ways to reduce infiltration and inflow into the system and has engaged the Indiana Finance Authority State Revolving Fund about funding these improvements.

The Town appreciates working with all parties involved in a constructive and positive manner and looks forward to continuing a great working relationship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Rick Ryfa
Griffith Town Council President

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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