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February 26, 2026

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Division of Water Resources  
Attn: Valerie McFall  
Davy Crockett Tower, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
500 James Robertson Pkwy  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Blount County MS4 Program  
Written Corrective Action Plan

Ms. McFall:

Blount County is in receipt of your letter dated February 11, 2026 regarding the need for a written corrective action plan related to actions required by the Blount County Government related to the County's MS4 permit. In that letter, you identified two (2) action items that Blount County needs to address with a plan for detailed goals and specific timelines in which the County will address those issues. Those two (2) action items are:

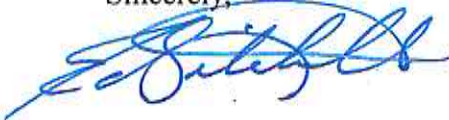
- 1) Updating the County's regulatory mechanism that addresses permanent stormwater management at new development and redevelopment projects as established by Tennessee Rule 0400-40-10-.04 (Permit Subpart 4.2.5). Specifically, the regulatory mechanism must provide the County authority to require and enforce the following for new development and redevelopment projects:
  - a. Water quality treatment design storm is a 1-year, 24-hour storm event as defined by Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States (4.2.5.2.c); and
  - b. Water quality treatment volume (WQTV) from runoff generated from impervious surfaces at a new development or redevelopment project by the design storm. The quantity of the WQTV depends on the type of treatment provided, as established by Rule 0400-40-10.04 and required by the permit (4.2.5.2.c).
- 2) Provide fully executed copies of the following resolutions:
  - a. Resolution No. 15-03-004
  - b. Resolution No. 09-06-003
  - c. Resolution No. 09-03-004
  - d. Resolution No. 08-08-015

With regard to the second item, I believe that Jeff Chapman – Blount County’s Code Inspector and Stormwater Manager – had previously updated the initial filing to include the executed copies of those resolutions. We have also attached the executed copies of those resolutions to this letter/email.

With regard to the first item, we are working with Mr. Chapman and consultants on drafting updated resolutions for consideration by the Blount County Commission which address the specific updates required above with the goal of bringing Blount County’s Stormwater Enforcement ordinances into compliance with the requirements of the MS4 permit. Due to legal requirements for public notice and placing items on the agenda for the County Commission, as well as to give time for Commissioners to ask questions and address any potential issues that arise, Blount County anticipates being able to present the required updated resolutions to the Commission on or before their regularly scheduled June meeting – which is currently scheduled for June 18, 2026. Upon the enactment of those ordinances, Blount County would anticipate being in compliance with the action items listed above and being able to update our previous permit report with the new ordinances.

We greatly appreciate your assistance with these matters and willingness to work with Blount County while we undergo the process of updating our applicable ordinances to comply with the requirements of the MS4 permit. If you have any questions, or need any further information related to the corrective action plan, please feel free to let us know.

Sincerely,



Ed Mitchell  
Mayor, Blount County