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Mr. David Albright
US Environment Protection Agency
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Albright:

Subject: City of Los Angeles Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Survey

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your invitation letter dated September 18, 2012. It is also to express LA Sanitation's acceptance to work with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on the above subject project. The project will identify and survey large capacity cesspools that exist within the City of Los Angeles, and assist the owners to comply with appropriate regulations. LA Sanitation has developed the attached workplan for your consideration.

The workplan prioritizes the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) that will be surveyed according to level of concern, potential environmental impacts, and availability of funds. The first level of priority include approximately 181 Multi-Family and Commercial OWTS that are high-risk due to their proximity to 303(d) listed impaired water bodies, drinking water wells, etc., and/or are substandard because they were constructed prior to the 1953 cesspool ban in the City of Los Angeles.

To ensure that lessons learned will be retained in-house, as recommended by the EPA; the survey will be conducted LA Sanitation engineering staff and field technicians. They will perform necessary planning and preparation for each site visit and collect essential information during the site visits. These will include the location, condition, construction, and operation of each OWTS. As part of each site visit, OWTS owners (residential, multi-family, and commercial) will be provided with outreach information that provides guidance on how to properly operate and maintain their OWTS. LA Sanitation will collect and maintain a database of information obtained from the site visits that will form the bases for future reporting to the EPA.

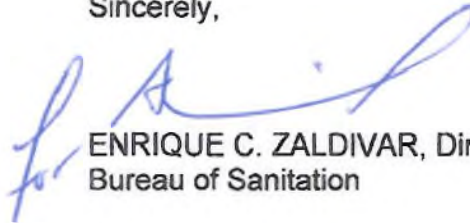


The key benefit from this survey project will be the field verified information obtained through site visits of approximately 181 large capacity OWTS that have a high potential of adverse environmental impacts, and may be under UIC regulation. With this data, the City will not only be able to produce the EPA report, but build upon them in implementing future projects.

Starting January 1, 2013, the project is expected to take approximately 10 months to complete the survey of the top priority OWTS, utilizing the expected \$75,000 contract offer from EPA. However, if additional funds are provided, the project has the ability to be scaled up to address other OWTS on the priority list.

Thank you for the opportunity and we look forward to hearing from you, soon. If you have any questions or require additional information, please, feel free to contact Doug Walters, Assistant Division Manager, Wastewater Engineering Services Division (WESD) at (323) 342-6256 or Hyginus Mmeje, Sanitation Wastewater Manager, at (323) 342-6241.

Sincerely,



ENRIQUE C. ZALDIVAR, Director
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Attach: Workplan for CLA Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Survey Project

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