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Ms. Mary Steedman
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RE: McKinley Manor
Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
LAS Permit No. GAJ030805
(Forsyth County)

Dear Ms. Steedman:

We are in receipt of your comments on the draft permit for the McKinley Manor WPCP. Attached are our responses to those comments. EPD has determined that the permit is protective of the environment and we have issued the permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Benoit Causee of my staff at 404-463-4958 or benoit.causee@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Larson, Assistant Branch Chief
Watershed Protection Branch

Attachment: Response to Comments

cc: Mr. Mansoor Alaeddini, EPD Mountain District (mansoor.alaeddini@dnr.ga.gov)

ATTACHMENT
Response to Comments
McKinley Manor WPCP
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(Forsyth County)

Comment # 1: There is no proof that the septic tank at each home has the proper size, or that all the drip lines were installed.

EPD Response:

The EPD operability inspection conducted on May 25, 2012 was only to determine if the wastewater treatment units (septic/storage tanks, Bioclere® systems, dosing tank, etc.) and mechanical equipment (pumps, blowers, back-up generator, etc.) were present and installed. EPD has inspected the wastewater treatment system on several occasions and there was no evidence of the drip field being saturated or ponding; therefore, there is no reason for our office to investigate further.

Comment # 2: There is no proof that the wastewater from each residence is reaching the treatment plant. The wastewater from my home is instead discharged to a stormwater drain.

EPD Response:

Based on a previous complaint regarding the discharge from your property, Mansoor Alaeddini of the EPD Mountain District and Special Agent Lynette Horner of US EPA conducted an inspection of the facility on May 6, 2015 regarding the same allegations. No violations were found during this investigation and inspection.

Comment # 3: There is enough land to re-plot the subdivision, put in septic tanks and field lines, inspect them and get all the homes up to code.

EPD Response:

EPD does not regulate land development.

Comment # 4: Mr. Bryan Martin of the McKinley Crossing Subdivision HOA, Inc. (permittee) is charging \$1,100 per year for sewer service. The state sets no regulations on their permits. Mr. Martin can charge whatever he wants and we have to pay because it is a necessity. I do not understand why he can charge for a septic tank that is part of the home.

EPD Response:

The Georgia Rules for Water Quality Control 391-3-6-.11 regulate Land Disposal Systems. EPD issued a land application system permit to McKinley Manor HOA to regulate the discharge of pollutants to the land disposal system. EPD does not regulate prices for sewer service.