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Floyds Fork Environmental Association  
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Louisville, KY 40299

Subject: Integrated Overflow Abatement Plan (IOAP)  
Public Input Meeting January 24, 2012  
Response to comments

Dear ██████████

Thank you for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide us with verbal comments relative to MSD's IOAP program. The attached transcript includes your comments and the response provided by MSD staff at the meeting.

Since it appears that MSD addressed your comments and questions at the meeting, no further response is required. This letter and the attached transcript will be posted on MSD's Project WIN web page at the link [www.msdlouky.org/projectwin](http://www.msdlouky.org/projectwin).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Brian Bingham".

W. Brian Bingham  
Regulatory Services Director

Attachment: Transcript of comments



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██████████ '██████████. Floyds Fork Environmental Association; ██████████ Echo Trail Louisville, KY 40299. I, too, like the first two speakers would like to compliment that this is a much better public meeting than what was held back in September. And want to also say that I believe that is has to do with the quality of the presenters tonight, Mr. Hurse, (Mr. Gray) that I don't know, and Mr. Emly, that I have met, that is the new Interim Director of Engineering. I think they were very good presenters and I think that means a lot to the public. I'd also like to compliment the leadership under the Interim Director, Greg Heitzman, and believe that we're on the upswing, to maybe have a really good sewer district in place.

But my question also has to do with always about public meetings and that they should be at a time and place convenient for the public. I do think this was a good place to hold a public meeting. I don't know that there was adequate parking. The parking lot was pretty full whenever I came in.

And would also like to ask about the, like the other person asked, about the basin's that are going to have this covering type thing over them. Are you going to plant trees around those basins and are you going to have a 25-50 foot buffer? You're going into a heavily wooded area on the one site. Do you calculate that, because trees absorb a lot of water? So, do you take what you're removing and take that into consideration when you're doing your calculations?

I'd also like to really encourage that the public is included with the parks trails. I know you've mentioned that, but sometimes the public just gets shown something that this is the way, this is what we're looking at. I would urge early meetings, early on. Let the public really have some input. A lot of times, you end up with a much better design and everybody is happier. So, anyway, I'm very pleased and I, again, thought the quality of the presentations was very good. Thank you."

**Steve Emly, MSD Interim Director of Engineering-** "Thank you, ██████████ In response to the covering and the trees issue, with the exception of the Logan Street basin which, again, is in a highly industrial area, that is going to look commercial, I think, regardless of how we skin that one. The remainder of these basins are really up in the air as far as how that covering is going to be implemented, what type of vegetation we're talking about. We're probably not looking at doing any dense reforestation on top of these basins, although we do want to have them in some type of a green practice. And again, whether that be some type of hedges, prairie grass, something of that nature that's not going to grow to be tall or heavy. I would say the same with buffers. We haven't gotten into enough details to determine what the buffers for these types of facilities are going to be. We'll certainly get into those details as we get into more design. As far as evaluating the impact of the trees that will be removed for the construction of these basins, we are not going to be looking at how the clearing of five acres impacts the overall impervious area of the watershed. I think that goes into a more holistic approach. We have, what we hope,

is going to be a more aggressive tree planting program in the next few years. And, certainly, we hope to be on the better end of that tree planning, so we're probably not going to take the clearing of a few acres into consideration as far as the calculations. And the fact of the matter is simply in some of these larger areas and watersheds, it simply won't matter. I think that addressed all your comments."

**Brian Bingham, MSD Director of Regulatory Services**- "Let me add on to one of those. Again, I think that regardless of how we do the analysis, what really makes the difference is what our flow monitoring shows; what's actually going through the system and what's coming out of the system. We do somewhat of an accounting system as we're putting green practices in and changes that we make to the area. But what really matters is what the end-of-the-pipe result is. And that's where we're really going to be judged in the final end on our successes. We believe that with our program we'll have a much more significant positive result with a few minor things. We will try to work with the community if there appears to be issues to try to come up with a solution that will help you all.