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Subject: Little Cedar Creek Rehab Project Modification IOAP Project No. S\_CC\_CC\_67997\_M\_01\_C Civil Action No. 3:05-cv-236-S DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-08254

Attention Chiefs and Director:

MSD is requesting approval of a proposed minor project modification to the Little Cedar Creek Interceptor project (IOAP Project No. S\_CC\_CC\_67997\_M\_01\_C). This request is part of the ongoing adaptive management review of the Integrated Overflow Abatement Plan (IOAP), approved May 2021.

## 2009 IOAP Project Description

The original Little Cedar Creek Interceptor Project consisted of upsizing approximately 3,900 LF of sewer to increase hydraulic capacity during wet weather flows. The project completion date was December 31, 2024.

# 2012 IOAP Modification Project Description

No changes were proposed in the 2012 IOAP Modification (approved in 2014). The project details remained the same as the 2009 project.

# 2021 IOAP Modification Project Description

No changes were proposed in the 2021 IOAP Modification. The project details remained the same as the 2009 and 2012 projects. The project completion date was changed to December 31, 2025.

## 2022 Project Modification Request

The project modification request involves eliminating the proposed project. MSD performed successful sewer rehabilitation upstream of the project area in 2013, recalibrated modeling indicates that no overflows occur for a 2-year cloudburst event, and no overflows have been documented since 2015.

## **Technical Justification**

After the 2009 IOAP was approved, as part of the Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance (CMOM) Program, MSD performed a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) inspection in the collection system upstream of the SSO location and detected significant defects in the system needing repair. In 2012 and 2013, MSD performed rehabilitation based on these results. The rehabilitation project consisted of epoxy coating or chimney seal replacements in 212 manholes, raising 3 manhole rims, and cured-in-place pipe lining for 43 pipe segments totaling 8,575 LF in length. Figure 1 shows where the system repairs were made relative to the proposed project location.

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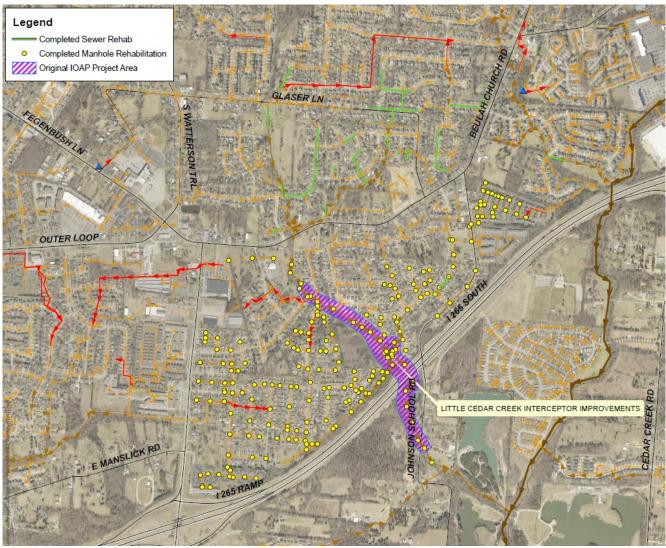


Figure 1

In 2020, MSD installed flow monitors in the area to review and update the calibration of the existing models. Four discrete rainfall events, each with a rainfall depth between 1.5" and 2", occurred during the flow monitoring period and were used for analysis. Initial model simulations using the pre-rehabilitation model parameters significantly overpredicted peak flow rates and volumes when compared to the observed data, and the model parameters were re-calibrated using those four events. After re-calibration, 2, 5, and 10-year events were simulated, and the models predicted no overflows for a 2-year cloudburst event. Additionally, overflow records from 2014 through 2021 were reviewed. During that period, one event, April 3, 2015, created an observed overflow. This rainfall event had a total depth of 2.9", greatly exceeding the 2-year cloudburst rainfall depth. There were no other observed overflows during the reviewed duration. Therefore, the updated model calibration and a review of historical overflow data since the rehabilitation was completed demonstrate the rehabilitation successfully mitigates the solution to a 2-year level of control. Therefore, no further mitigation is justified and no project is necessary.

For your reference, a copy of the original project fact sheet from the 2021 IOAP Modification, updated to show this project as "eliminated", can be found in Attachment "A".

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

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persons directly responsible for gathering such information, 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.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (502) 540-6136.

Sincerely, india Angela L. Akridge, PE

Chief Strategy Officer for Business Transformation and Regulatory Compliance

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Attachment A: 2021 IOAP Modification Fact Sheet (Updated)

Attachment A





Project Name Litt	t <del>le Cedar C</del> i	reek Interceptor Improvements
Project Number S_CC_CC_67997_M_01_C		
Modeled Area		Cedar Creek
Branch or SSO ID		67997
Project Type		Pipe Upgrades
<b>Receiving Stream</b>		Little Cedar Creek
Project Description		This alternative includes upsizing 3,701 LF of open cut sewer and 215 LF of 21"tunneling interceptor pipe in the area to increase hydraulic capacity during wet weather peak flows.
Reason for Overflow		System capacity
Design Parameters		This solution is based on a 1.82 inch cloudburst rain event.
Project Constraints		Project will occur primarily in existing MSD easements.
Estimated Capital Cos	st	\$1,875,000
Weighted Benefit/Cos	st Ratio	23.86
Asset ID		SSO Start Date Volume (Gal)
67997 5/2	2/2010	4030
86424 5/3	3/2010	1
89196 5/3	3/2010	1
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