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VIA EMAIL

Alex Little, Acting City Manager
City of Benton Harbor
200 East Wall Street
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

WSSN: 0600
County: Berrien

Dear Alex Little:

SUBJECT: Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Capacity Study Response

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 2024, concerning the city of Benton Harbor's (Benton Harbor) TMF Capacity Study options and requesting an extension to July 15, 2024. That extension is hereby approved. As previously stated, these options could include the following:

- Treat and distribute drinking water at a lower cost.
- Find additional sources of water system revenue.
- Identify a way to create a regional partnership and/or true costs of wholesale purchase rates.

Benton Harbor's deadline to update the TMF Capacity Study remains August 31, 2024. We appreciate Benton Harbor's efforts to provide this essential service in a manner that is efficient and sustainable for its residents. If you have any questions, please contact me at OswaldE1@Michigan, or 517-284-6544.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Oswald, Director
Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division

cc: Marcus Muhammad, Mayor, City of Benton Harbor
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