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**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 7:45 AM  
**To:** DEEP WQS  
**Subject:** WQS: Downstream Protection FW: Long Term Control Plan Update: Class A for North Branch Park River / Enforcement of Consent Order WC5434 / No Extensions

Hello DEEP,

My home's easterly property boundary runs along the middle thread of the North Branch of the Park River (NBPR) for approx. 225 feet. My property and my family's enjoyment of the NBPR has been adversely impacted by unenforced and weak water quality standards permitting upstream contaminants including raw sewage to flow downstream which routinely cause polluted and poor water quality. I am willing to testify in person.

Below is my letter to The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and the Combined Storm and Sewer Overflows (CSOs) into the NBPR causing some of the water pollution. Please consider those comments too.

The MDC reports a significant amount of the upstream contaminants are from other sources. All of it then flows into the CT River and the Sound.

1<sup>st</sup>. Please require the MDC to close the CSO's on the NBPR as required by C.O. WC5434.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Please strengthen and enforce the Water Quality Standards for all of our betterment and to sustain our environment.

Be well,

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December 11, 2018

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The Metropolitan District Commission

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Attn: District Clerk

Re: **Long Term Control Plan Update:  
Class A for North Branch Park River /  
Enforcement of Consent Order WC5434  
No Extensions**

Hello:

My home's easterly property boundary runs along the middle thread of the North Branch of the Park River (NBPR) for approx. 225 feet. The Metropolitan District Commission's (MDC) Combined Storm and Sewer Overflows (CSOs) directly impact my property. My property is adversely impacted by the CSOs affecting the safety, human health and wellness of my family, as well as my enjoyment of my property. My portion of the river is regularly polluted by the MDC's CSOs. The river smells of sewer and toilet waste after some overflows. It becomes unsanitary, odorous and terrible.

I understand the MDC is seeking an extension of time **from 2029** to complete closures of all CSOs **to 2058**. That's unacceptable. We'll all be dead and never see the benefits of the 2006 Order if it's extended.

I express my full support for all of the points made in Bureau Chief Winfield's letter dated July 28, 2017 addressed to Mr. Ellison at the MDC; attached.

I **OPPOSE** any extensions of the MDC's compliance. The North Branch of the Park River should remain a Class A waterbody. The reclassification and extensions requested by the MDC should not be granted.

I support the DEEP's position that the North Branch Park River and Wethersfield Cove both be protected from overflows, and that **overflows must be entirely eliminated** as required under Consent Order WC5434.

The extensions for compliance with Consent Order WC5434 should be eliminated or at least shortened since progress by MDC has been too limited. I request that the terms of the 12-year-old Consent Order WC5434 be fully implemented hopefully within the next twelve (12) months. The people living along the NBPR have waited long enough.

As a resident along the river, I request the closures of the overflows from the CSOs, and improved water quality of the North Branch Park River, all promised under the 2006 Order, with no more delays.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Lerman

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