



## Sustainable Development

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Dear Mr. Griffin:

Manitoba Sustainable Development, Environmental Approvals Branch received a letter on June 23, 2017 respecting clarification on the intent and application of Clause 8 of Environment Act Licence No. 3042.

Clause 8 of Environment Act Licence No. 3042 states:

“The Licencee shall not increase the frequency or volume of combined sewer overflows in any sewershed due to new and upgraded land development activities and shall use green technology and innovative practices in the design and operation of all new and upgraded storm and wastewater infrastructure.”

Please note that the Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent, developed by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, requires that combined sewer overflow frequencies should not increase due to development or redevelopment, unless occurring as part of an approved sewer overflow management plan and combined sewer overflow should not occur during dry weather, except during spring thaw and emergencies. The Strategy articulates the collective agreement reached by the 14 ministers of the environment in Canada to ensure that wastewater facility owners will have regulatory clarity in managing municipal wastewater effluent under a harmonized framework that is protective of human health and the environment.

Accordingly, I can confirm that your interpretation and application of Clause 8 of Environment Act Licence No. 3042 meets our requirements.

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Asit Dey, Environment Engineer, at (204) 945-2614 or by email at [Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca).

Yours sincerely,

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