



Supplemental Environmental Project Semi-Annual Report Volume 14

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1. Introduction

KUB is required to perform and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) as set forth in Section VIII. Supplemental Environmental Project and Appendix B Supplemental Environmental Project of the Consent Decree (CD). *This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of a civil enforcement action taken by the United States for violations of the Clean Water Act.* This Semi-Annual Report covers events from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

In addition to the required SEP funding, KUB has also voluntarily established a low-income, no-interest loan program. This program serves customers earning a predetermined percentage of median income that is above the level that would qualify for SEP funding. The cost of the lateral repair or replacement is added to the customers' KUB bill over a period of 48 months. No customers were approved for the no-interest loan during this reporting period.

2. Deposit of Funds to the SEP Escrow by KUB

KUB made the final deposit of \$150,000 to the SEP Escrow Account on August 11, 2011.

3. Disbursement of Funds From the SEP Escrow by Escrow Agent to the Third Party Administrator to Pay Plumbers for Services Completed

A total of \$264,902.25 was disbursed from the SEP Escrow Account to the Third Party Administrator during this reporting period. The disbursements are shown in the table below.

Date of Invoice	Amount Invoiced	Number of Laterals Repaired/Replaced	Amount Disbursed
7/1/2011	\$110,562.50	43	\$110,652.50
8/1/2011	\$51,009.00	21	\$51,009.00
9/1/2011	\$66,253.75	29	\$66,253.75
10/1/2011	\$22,743.00	8	\$22,743.00
11/1/2011	\$5,777.00	2	\$5,777.00
12/1/2011	\$8,557.00	3	\$8557.00
Totals	\$264,902.25	106	\$264,902.25

4. Balance of Funds in the SEP Escrow

The balance in the SEP Escrow Account, as of December 31, 2011, is \$105,963.39. The disbursements from the escrow account and the accrued interest for this reporting period are shown in the table below.

Date	Deposit	Disbursement	Accrued Interest	Balance
7/1/2011		\$110,562.50	\$4.03	\$110,289.97
8/1/2011	\$150,000.00	\$51,009.00	\$2.87	\$209,283.84
9/1/2011		\$66,253.75	\$3.15	\$143,033.24
10/1/2011		\$22,743.00	\$3.04	\$120,293.28
11/1/2011		\$5,777.00	\$2.18	\$114,518.46
12/1/2011		\$8,557.00	\$1.93	\$105,963.39

5. Payment of Funds by Third Party Administrator to Plumbers

In this reporting period, the Third Party Administrator made the following payments to plumbers for services completed at the properties listed below.

Property Address	Plumber	Amount
	Lyon Plumbing	\$2,510
	Lyon Plumbing	\$3,065
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,874
	RD Plumbing	\$3,130
	RD Plumbing	\$1,654
	RD Plumbing	\$2,763
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,040
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,690
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,414
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,864
	East TN Rooter	\$2,657
	FM Plumbing	\$2,702
	FM Plumbing	\$2,339
	FM Plumbing	\$2,394
	FM Plumbing	\$2,820
	FM Plumbing	\$2,233
	East TN Rooter	\$2,237
	East TN Rooter	\$3,087
	FM Plumbing	\$3,201
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,630
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,705
	Lyon Plumbing	\$2,200
	Lyon Plumbing	\$2,020
	Lyon Plumbing	\$1,700
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,629
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,319
	RD Plumbing	\$2,415
	RD Plumbing	\$1,725
	Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,454

Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,674
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,479
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,079
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,614
RD Plumbing	\$3,000
FM Plumbing	\$843.75
FM Plumbing	\$2,698
FM Plumbing	\$3,042
Lyon Plumbing	\$1,660
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,875
East TN Rooter	\$1,467
East TN Rooter	\$3,477
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	\$3,477
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,719
RD Plumbing	\$904
RD Plumbing	\$1,920
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,775
Lyon Plumbing	\$1,800
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,605
RD Plumbing	\$3,183
RD Plumbing	\$3,500
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,060
FM Plumbing	\$4,310
FM Plumbing	\$2,812
FM Plumbing	\$2,825
FM Plumbing	\$2,174
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,772
Lyon Plumbing	\$3,600
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,190
RD Plumbing	\$2,844
FM Plumbing	\$2,933
Lyon Plumbing	\$3,220
Lyon Plumbing	\$3,228
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,109
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$3,128
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,529
RD Plumbing	\$1,549
East TN Rooter	\$1,888
Lyon Plumbing	\$1,800
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,155
Lyon Plumbing	\$2,895
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,474
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,768
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$1,784
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,204
Paul Hayes Plumbing	\$2,374

6. Location of Private Residential Properties Where Services Have Been Performed Under the SEP Program

Private service laterals have been repaired or replaced under the SEP program at the following locations during this reporting period.

Owner	Property Address	Work Complete Date
		7/1/2011
		7/6/2011
		7/7/2011
		7/12/2011
		7/12/2011
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	12/2/2011
	12/2/2011
	12/5/2011
	12/5/2011
	12/8/2011
	12/14/2011

7. SEP Implementation and Ongoing Tasks

KUB implemented the Private Lateral Program (PLP) in 2005 to address defective laterals and improper connections within its collection system. Prior to program implementation, KUB performed an initial analysis to determine the approximate number of defective laterals in KUB's wastewater system and smoke testing was chosen as the primary tool for determining defects and prohibited connections requiring enforcement action. Also, during the development of this program, homeowner income information from all areas of the KUB wastewater service area was obtained to establish hardship eligibility guidelines for funding assistance provided under the SEP for private lateral rehabilitation. KUB conducted a careful examination of expected lateral failure rates, and looked at 2000 Census homeowner income information to determine how to best establish income limits for financial assistance and extend this support to as many customers as possible. The income limits selected were those from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines for very low income households, where very low income is defined as less than 50% of the median income based on family size. HUD guidelines are widely used in many homeowner assistance programs and include limits for homeowner incomes defined at very low, low, and moderate levels relative to median income for service area. In the first two years of the PLP, the very low Income limits updated annually for earning growth by HUD were used in determining a property owner's eligibility for funding under the SEP Grant⁽¹⁾ program.

During this time, KUB gained information about the number of defective laterals in its system, the best tools for evaluating the collection system problems, and the income qualification rate for financial assistance where defective laterals are identified. In addition to smoke testing, closed circuit camera televising (CCTV) was evaluated for use in determining defects in 2006. CCTV of private laterals after mainline rehabilitation quickly became the most preferred means of accurately determining defects to avoid unnecessary repairs, and it continues to be the primary tool for determining the need for lateral rehabilitation. All private laterals are subject to inspection as prescribed in the CSSAP, and this specific tool has been very effective in resolving any questions related to required corrective action and enforcement. In many cases CCTV has confirmed the need for only a point repair and as many as one third of all defective laterals have required only repairs rather than extensive replacement. Although the defective lateral rate varies with the

specific area of the system, KUB has observed an average lateral failure rate of 37 percent.

In the first two years of the program implementation, KUB also determined from the PLP data that areas with the highest failure rate also had a large number of tenant occupants. By the end of 2007, the average tenant occupancy rate of properties requiring lateral repair was at least 40%. These situations greatly reduced the expected number of property owners eligible to apply for assistance.

An analysis of upcoming projects associated with the CAP/ER based on historical failure rates and Grant approvals indicated that 50% of the median income was too low for many homeowners to qualify. Thus, an adjustment was made to the income guideline limits for Grant qualification to permit more property owners to qualify for funding assistance over the remaining five years of the program. On January 1, 2008, KUB moved the income guidelines for Grant⁽¹⁾ program qualification from 50% of median income (very low income) to 80% of median income (low income). This adjustment was communicated in the Sixth SEP Semi-Annual Report.

The SEP states that very low, low and moderate income levels are eligible to receive funding assistance. Beginning January 1, 2010, KUB increased the income guidelines for Grant⁽¹⁾ program qualification from 80% of median income (low income) to 95% of income (moderate income). The 95% level is defined as moderate income by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The increase follows research of homeowner incomes in the Knox County area based on 2000 Census data obtained from the Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission. KUB continues to use these income qualifications, resulting in an increase in the number of approved applications in 2010 and 2011. The expectation is that this trend will continue, ensuring support for customers who need assistance the most during the remainder of the SEP period. KUB will continue to analyze information related to defect rates and income qualification as necessary to satisfactorily complete the SEP in accordance with the Consent Decree.

Effect of Previous Income Qualification Limits:

During this reporting period, six property owners qualified for Grants due to the increase in the income guidelines effective January 1, 2010.

8. Tasks Scheduled for the Next Six Months

The following tasks are scheduled for the next six months:

- Continue to identify properties with defective laterals or prohibited connections.
- Continue private lateral enforcement notifications.
- Make payments from the Escrow account for work completed under the SEP.
- (1) This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of a civil enforcement action taken by the United States for violations of the Clean Water Act.

Appendix A
Grant and Loan Income Guidelines

GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES

(Effective May 31, 2011)

Family Size	Grant Program 95% of Median Income	Loan Program 100% of Median Income
1	\$40,850	\$43,000
2	\$46,645	\$49,100
3	\$52,554	\$55,320
4	\$58,235	\$61,300
5	\$62,985	\$66,300
6	\$67,640	\$71,200
7	\$72,295	\$76,100
8	\$76,950	\$81,000

Appendix B
Escrow Deposit Documentation



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September 9, 2011

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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Re: Payment of \$150,000 Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) payment: <u>U.S.</u>, et al. v. Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB): Case Nos. 3:04-CV-568 and 3:03-CV-497; <u>DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-08186</u>

Dear Ms. Diaz:

On August 11, 2011, KUB paid the tenth, and final, SEP payment in the amount of \$150,000 to the SEP escrow account identified in the executed Escrow Agreement, as required by Appendix B.D.1 of the Consent Decree (CD). KUB is required to make this ninth payment no later than seventy-eight (78) months after the Date of Entry of the CD, which was entered in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Northern Division, Knoxville, Tennessee, on February 11, 2005.

Appendix B.D.1. also requires KUB to provide documentation of the deposit to the SEP Escrow within thirty (30) days of each such deposit. A wire confirmation of the transfer is enclosed as proof of payment.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Walker, Vice President, at (865) 594-7418.

Sincerely,

Bill R. Elmore

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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COMPLETION TIME :2011-08-11:0929

WEALTH MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

AUTHORIZER : AUDRA RICHARDS

CONFIRMER : REFERENCE #

WIRE TYPE :FEDWTPF DEBIT ACCOUNT

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