
APPENDIX G

Suffolk County Water Authority Comments

May 22, 2023



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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

May 22, 2023

Sundy Schermeyer
Town Clerk
Town of Southampton
116 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY 11968

Re: Riverside Sewer District - Town of Southampton
SEQRA Coordination for Supplemental GEIS
SCTM# Various Tax Map Numbers - 468± Acres

Dear Ms. Schermeyer:

Your notification for SEQR Coordination was received and reviewed by our agency.

Please be advised that our agency, the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA), has no interest to be designated Lead Agency status for the project captioned above.

SCWA would however like to make the following comments as they relate to the proposed STP with leaching system.

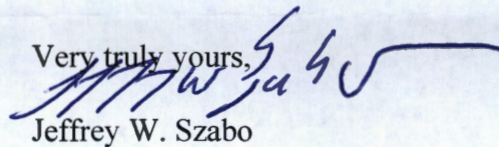
Treated effluent from these types of facilities has the potential to include emerging contaminants such as 1,4 Dioxane along with PFOA and PFOS which are all now regulated in New York State to extremely low levels. As you know, 1,4 Dioxane is not readily treated with conventional methods and SCWA has made a significant investment in research to treat wells impacted by this contaminant. We are currently in the process of retrofitting treatment to many of our wells to remove these contaminants at a great cost to our ratepayers. In addition to the currently regulated contaminants, we are concerned that a facility such as this will become a point source for high concentrations of unregulated pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PCPPs). Regulated or unregulated, SCWA believes that these contaminants should be treated at the source, not at the wellhead. Ideally, SCWA would like to see wastewater treatment that would prevent introduction of all these contaminants to our groundwater supply. If this is not possible, then the developer and their engineer should be required to demonstrate that by the time the treated effluent from this facility reaches any public supply well screen, the concentrations of these contaminants are all below the drinking water standard.

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Beyond the regulatory aspects of the permitting of this facility, we have concerns about its operation. To keep them functioning properly, a high level of operational and engineering expertise is required that may exceed the capabilities of the plant operators. The result can be the exceedance of discharge parameters and negative impacts to groundwater resources. We feel strongly that such potential negative impacts must be avoided to the maximum extent possible. This should be done through more rigorous operator certification and training along with stiffer penalties for violations.

If your agency and/or consultant have any questions or concerns, you would like to discuss about this project please call Joseph Pokorny, Deputy CEO of Operations at 631-563-0202.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Szabo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey W. Szabo

Cc: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman, SCWA
Joseph Pokorny, Deputy CEO Operations, SCWA