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Executive Director Rolfe Porter and operations staff of the Niagara Falls Water Board (“NFWB”) met today with a representative of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) to discuss the operational and human factors that resulted in the discharge of what has been characterized as “inky water” into the lower Niagara River on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The NFWB’s discussions were open, candid and informative during this meeting and it is cooperating fully with the NYSDEC. It will continue to do so and we expect further meetings and discussions in the coming days. The NFWB again apologizes to anyone inconvenienced by the discharge, including tourists, businesses, and residents.

The NFWB is continuing its comprehensive internal review of this incident, including fact finding and legal review of applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the operation of its plant. It will work with NYSDEC and other regulatory agencies to address any technical or operational issues uncovered in its investigation in order to prevent re-occurrence of the conditions of concern. This will include continuing investment to maintain and upgrade its wastewater treatment plant, originally constructed by the City of Niagara Falls in the early 1970s, review of plant processes and operating procedures, and continuing investment in personnel and training.

The NFWB is committed to the highest quality of wastewater treatment and the treatment and distribution of drinking water consistent with public health laws and regulations, the public enjoyment of natural resources, the protection of fish and wildlife, and the economic development of the City of Niagara Falls.

The NFWB will provide periodic updates on this matter as information becomes available.

Updates will be available on the NFWB’s website at [www.NFWB.org](http://www.NFWB.org).