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STATEMENT ON LASALLE AREA FLOW MONITORING

The Niagara Falls Water Board is under a consent order with the NYSDEC related to sanitary sewer overflows in the LaSalle area, which requires periodic evaluation of sewer flows there. On Monday, February 25, the Water Board did not approve a contract for an outside engineering firm to perform that work, citing concerns over the greatly increased cost compared to when similar work was performed in 2012.

The Water Board is requesting from the NYSDEC an extension of time to complete the sewer flow evaluation so that it can solicit proposals for the work in the hope of securing the best possible value for its ratepayers. If an extension is not allowed, the Water Board is exploring whether it is possible to perform the necessary work for less than the amount quoted in the proposal before the Board on February 25.

The Water Board will continue to work to maintain compliance with the terms of the consent order, and will continue to work with NYSDEC to try to make sure that the cost of consent order compliance does not require unsustainable rate increases. The Water Board is actively seeking all available grants and other financial assistance to improve water quality.

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