



August 4, 2026

Re: City of Lima WWTP
Permit-Intermediate
APPROVAL
NPDES
Allen
2PE00000

Mike Caprella
Director of Utilities
City of Lima Department of Utilities
50 Town Square
Lima, Ohio 45801

Re: Temporary Classification.

Dear Mike Caprella,

I have received your letter on July 23, 2026, requesting an Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-7-04(C)(3)(c) exemption for the City of Lima WWTP.

Your letter indicates that the City of Lima Department of Utilities will designate a Class III operator as the operator of record of the City of Lima WWTP, which is a Class IV facility, for longer than 30 days allowed by the rule. The reason for this exemption is the City of Lima WWTP's current Operator of Record, Kimberly Furry, has resigned. The City of Lima WWTP currently has Shawn Dershem (WR3-1101941-06) as the Operator of Record. Based on this information I hereby grant the exemption, effective until January 31, 2027. Please be aware that you must, at a minimum, maintain your Class III certified operator for the duration of this exemption and staff the City of Lima WWTP for 40 hours a week, 5 days a week.

Any change in the operator of record for your wastewater system or any part thereof, is to be promptly reported in writing to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00, made payable to "Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague," which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of

filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
30 East Broad Street, 4th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Please contact Peggy Christie at Peggy.Christie@epa.ohio.gov or 419-373-3006 at the Northwest District Office of the Ohio EPA if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Logue".

John Logue
Director

cc: Peggy Christie, NWDO, DSW