



October 2, 2024

Town of Old Lyme
Water Pollution Control Authority

Miami Beach Association
Water Pollution Control Authority

Old Lyme Shores Beach Association
Water Pollution Control Authority

Old Colony Beach Club Association
Water Pollution Control Authority

Re: Town of Old Lyme Wastewater Management Project

Dear Water Pollution Control Authority representatives,

We write to express our concern about the failure of the Water Pollution Control Authorities of the Miami Beach Association, Old Lyme Shores Beach Association and Old Colony Beach Club Association (“Associations”) to complete the joint sanitary sewer system project. As you know, General Statutes § 22a-428 and the 2018 consent order between the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Associations require you to abate the documented community pollution problem caused by wastewater disposal by the beach associations. We are concerned that this project is not yet complete and that there have been considerable delays in meeting your obligations.

The State of Connecticut, including the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“the Department”) and the Office of the Attorney General, take very seriously our commitment to water quality in Long Island Sound and public health. To that end, you are required by law to comply with 2018 consent order and state law. To complete this project, you may be eligible for significant but time-limited financial support, including a newly available forgivable loan. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this support.

It is critical that the above captioned project move forward to protect the health of residents, and water quality in Long Island Sound. We are writing to express our concern that if you do not take the necessary steps to move this project forward it is in jeopardy of losing important funding support and could face enforcement for not meeting its obligations to abate this pollution.

For over 10 years, the Department has been working with the Associations to ensure the protection of public health and the environment by ordering and facilitating the construction of a joint sanitary sewerage system to address the community pollution problem.

However, this additional state financial assistance is time limited and cannot be sequestered forever. In order to access this funding, the project communities must move forward in a timely fashion

with the construction of the sanitary sewerage system. We appreciate the associations' efforts under their respective consent orders and state officials stand ready to help the associations and the Town of Old Lyme move this project to conclusion. Nevertheless, any additional delay in the construction of this project jeopardizes the subsidy and leaves the community pollution problem unabated.

As soon as possible, it is necessary that you provide us the details of a plan to meet your obligations under the consent orders and the relevant pollution abatement statutes and regulations.

We look forward to working in partnership to ensure that this project moves forward and is completed for the benefit of the community.

Sincerely,



Katherine S. Dykes
Commissioner, Connecticut Department of
Energy and Environmental Protection



William Tong
Connecticut Attorney General

cc (via email): Martha Shoemaker, First Selectwoman, Town of Old Lyme