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Mr. David Corliss, Manager City of Lawrence City Hall 6 E. 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044

Re:

**Integrated Planning** 

Dear Mr. Corliss:

The Kansas Department of Health Bureau of Water (KDHE/BOW) is excited about the prospects of Integrated Planning and its promise of allowing municipalities phase in various Clean Water Act requirements on a schedule that permits funding to match needs. We believe the actions taken to date by the City of Lawrence represent an excellent example of planning for, and scheduling infrastructure improvements on a schedule that marries both environmental risk and ability to fund. We know there are a number of well run utilities that develop capital improvement plans and plan for future needs. To our knowledge, however, this is the first instance of taking the next step to bundle that planning under the umbrella of Integrated Planning.

We applaud the City's efforts and look forward to pursuing Integrated Planning in partnership with the City.

Sincerely,

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