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Delivery Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Corey Click
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**Re: September 25, 2025 Discharge to the South Fork Holston River
Eastman Chemical Company – Tennessee Operations (TNO)
NPDES Permit TN0002640
Sullivan County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Click,

On September 25, 2025, Eastman Chemical Company (Eastman) reported to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation an accidental discharge of sediment laden water from the Eastman Tennessee Operations facility at the 006 outfall that was the result of an underground fire water line rupture that occurred on September 25, 2025. On-site personnel responded immediately at approximately 6:20 am. The broken fire line was isolated using shutoff valves within 25 minutes of the first report and the fire water leak was stopped at approximately 6:45 am. It was confirmed by Eastman's Environmental Services Laboratory personnel that there was a visible stream of discolored water flowing from the facility's NPDES Permitted Outfall 006.

I contacted you at approximately 3:15 pm. on September 25, 2025 to inform you of the offsite visible condition in the South Fork Holston River due to disturbed sediment that Eastman observed coming through the outfall listed above. I informed you that the source was a fire water line break and only sediment laden water was discharged. The fire water line was repaired on September 25, 2025 and put back in service. No detrimental effects to fish or aquatic life were observed as a result of this discharge. Furthermore, there are no known or anticipated acute or chronic health risks associated with this discharge. Actions were taken immediately and effectively to prevent an imminent endangerment to the health or welfare of persons.

Eastman would like to thank the Division of Water Resources for the opportunity to provide additional information. If you have any questions regarding the above incident, please contact me at (423) 229-5814 or by e-mail at mlwise@eastman.com.

Sincerely,

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