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SCDNR

ATTN: Dan Rankin

311 Natural Resources Drive
Clemson, SC 29631

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Spartanburg Water is appreciative of the professionalism of you and your staff in response to a fish loss event in May of 2018 on Lake William C. Bowen and Municipal Reservoir #1 in Spartanburg County. As you are aware, Dr. John Rodgers of Clemson University has assisted us for some time now in developing management strategies, including targeted algaecide applications to deal with algal blooms that contribute to the formation of taste and odor constituents in our source water supply reservoirs. His comprehensive toxicological report on the fish loss in May did not show an acute affect from the application of algaecide but rather a variety of environmental factors that may have led to the loss of fish, even with the algaecide applied at a much lower concentration than allowed by law. We will be happy to share this report with SCDNR. Spartanburg Water continues to be committed to improving water quality and desires to be good stewards of our natural resources.

We continue to focus efforts in educating watershed stakeholders about the growing concern of nutrient loadings into the South Pacolet River Watershed. In March 2018, Spartanburg Water submitted and SCDHEC approved a multi-jurisdictional Watershed Based Plan to address nutrient loadings into Lake William C. Bowen and Municipal Reservoir #1. Prior to that, Spartanburg Water conducted a series of environmental studies, including baseline fisheries studies for Lake William C. Bowen in support of a preliminary application under FERC. We learned a great deal from these studies and feel that they can provide value in discussions about resources of the State of South Carolina in these micro-ecosystems of the Upstate moving forward.

As we continue to engage the stakeholders around Lake William C. Bowen and Municipal Reservoir #1, we have received quite a few inquiries about the possibility of re-stocking Lake William C. Bowen and Municipal Reservoir #1. We are certainly open to discussing that with SCDNR and providing financial support to certified stocking should SCDNR feel that is appropriate to restore the Drinking Water Reservoirs to its baseline fisheries levels.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to discuss this matter with you, or appropriate SCDNR personnel at your earliest convenience. Feel free to contact me at 864-809-7588 or e-mail ktuck@spartanburgwater.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Tuck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Tuck, Director of Water Treatment