

August 22, 2003

Mr. Gene Roberts  
Acting Kent City Engineer  
319 S. Water Street  
Kent, OH 44240

SUBJECT: NEFCO Clean Water Plan consistency review for the Kent Sanitary  
Sewerage Improvements project

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for your records and use are the results of NEFCO's Clean Water Plan (208) review of the proposed changes to the Kent Facilities Plan brought by the Kent Sanitary Sewerage Improvements. Specifically our review and approval updates the City's "wastewater prescription" for an area south of the city, referred to on your map as the Proposed South-Central Trunk Sewer.

Enclosed please find the signed resolution from the NEFCO General Policy Board, the project description and map, and NEFCO's Clean Water Plan Consistency Review for your update.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hadley, Jr.  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

**General Policy Board Item No. 4  
Amended Resolution No. FY2004-002**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO  
FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION  
(NEFCO) APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF KENT FACILITIES PLAN IN  
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO TO UPDATE WASTEWATER PRESCRIPTIONS FOR AN  
AREA IN THE CITY OF KENT**

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**WHEREAS**, NEFCO is the designated water quality management planning agency for Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of that designation it is NEFCO's responsibility to coordinate the use and update of its Clean Water Plan, also known as the 208 Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, NEFCO has been requested by the City of Kent to consider an update to the City of Kent Facilities Plan (201) in Portage County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is requiring NEFCO's approval of this as a condition for an application for Federal Assistance the City of Kent Facilities Planning Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent has been given an opportunity to comment on this update; and

**WHEREAS**, the NEFCO staff have reviewed this request using approved 208 Plan consistency criteria and found that the amendment would update the 201 facilities plan's "prescriptions for wastewater disposal and treatment" for the City of Kent; and

**WHEREAS**, the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) performed a technical review of this request and recommended approval,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NEFCO General Policy Board approves the Update for the City of Kent Facilities Plan (201) in Portage County, Ohio. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to incorporate this into NEFCO's Clean Water Plan and to transmit this to the City of Kent Division of Engineering, and the Ohio EPA.

Certified as action taken by the  
NEFCO General Policy Board at its  
regular meeting held on August 20,  
2003.

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Richard Regula, Secretary  
NEFCO General Policy Board

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Kent Sanitary Sewerage Improvements CS392557-03

#### Summary

The City of Kent, Portage County, has requested approximately \$6,800,000 from the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) to improve its sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The city proposes replacing the aging and inaccessible Gougler Pump Station; replacing and upsizing the sanitary sewers along Dodge, Elm, and Cedar streets and one of two influent pipes to the WWTP; constructing the new South Central Sanitary Trunk Sewer; constructing a storm sewer to allow separation from sanitary flows in downtown Kent; replacing influent screens at the WWTP; improving the sludge digesters; and adding septage dumping and pretreatment facilities to the WWTP.

All work except the new South Central sewer will be in or along roads or areas of the WWTP disturbed by previous sewerage construction. The South Central sewer will be primarily along existing rights-of-way and will pass through a wetland. A required permit from the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers for the wetland work has already been received.

Kent determined that no rate increase is necessary to pay for this project because existing sewer rates are sufficient.

#### Identify the Geographic Area Impacted

Areas in and near the City of Kent.

#### Identify the Population Segment Served

Customers of the Kent sewer system.

#### Explain the Need for the Project

The Gougler Pump Station is old, difficult to maintain, and on a site with limited accessibility. Sanitary sewers are undersized and affected by inflow from illegal downspout connections. Existing WWTP influent screens are ineffective and sludge digestion facilities are inefficient. Growth in the southwest portion of the service area requires new sanitary trunk sewer capacity. The developed, unsewered area around Kent requires additional dumping facilities for septage.

#### What are the Objectives of the Proposal

Improve and expand Kent's sanitary sewerage infrastructure to help ensure efficient transport and treatment of sanitary wastes to protect human health and water quality.

#### Describe Program Activities and Who Will Perform Them

Ohio EPA will administer permit issuance and loan approval for the project designed by a consultant and constructed by a contractor selected by competitive bidding.

#### Explain the Method for Evaluating the Proposal

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will review and evaluate this project in three areas: engineering, environmental, and procedural compliance. All reviews are based on state standards and Ohio EPA policies. Any significant environmental impacts will be minimized or mitigated during the project review process.

