### October 2017 Monthly Report

### BJCJSTP Rehabilitation and Restoration Project

#### Background

The Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant (BJCJSTP) processes 18 million gallons per day with the capability of processing up to 60 million gallons per day (MGD) of wet weather flow. This plant is jointly owned by the City of Binghamton and the Village of Johnson City and managed by the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (BJCJSB).

The BJCJSTP has suffered several catastrophic events since 2006. In 2006, the BJCJSTP was flooded by a 500 year flood that affected many of the processes in operation. In May of 2011, a concrete structure suffered structural failure, and in September 2011, the BJCJSTP suffered another 500 year flood that critically damaged equipment and rendered the secondary treatment fundamentally inoperable. The secondary process system is still largely inoperable today. A Consent Order was negotiated between the City of Binghamton, the Village of Johnson City, the BJCJSB and the NYSDEC to develop a plan to restore treatment operations at the BJCJSTP. The Consent Order requires the BJCJSTP to restore secondary treatment functionality and be able to fully treat 35 MGD of wet weather flow by August 1, 2018. To achieve this level of treatment, the reconstruction and testing of the Secondary Treatment Process must be completed as necessary to achieve treatment of 35 MGD. To comply with the Consent Order, the Sewage Treatment Plant must then be fully operable by May, 1, 2019, including the remainder of the secondary treatment process. There are also several interim milestones included in the Consent Order. The Consent Order has been amended to extend several interim milestones, and DEC has been made aware of the likely finish of the Phase 1 Milestone after the August 1, 2018.

The project is being constructed in accordance with Wicks Law, which requires that the project be bid as multiple prime contracts. More specifically, Wicks Law requires that the bulk of the construction work, consisting of the secondary treatment biological filtration filters (BAF), be divided into a General Civil Construction Contract, an Electrical Contract, an HVAC Contract and a Plumbing Contract. The following projects are either nearing completion, in construction, or in the planning stage.

Contract No.	Description	Status
Contract No. 1	Compost Facility Demolition	Complete
Contract No. 2	FEMA Mechanical	Substantial Completion Date July 2016 Anticipated Completion Date October 2017
Contract No. 3	BAF Facility Demolition	Complete
Contract No. 4	MCC HH Emergency Replacement	Substantial completion in December 2016. Anticipated final completion October 2017

Contract No. 5	BAF Restoration and Rehabilitation Civil Contract	Notice to Proceed (NTP) Issued May 27, 2016. Projected Phase 1 Substantial Completion August 2018. Projected Phase 2 Substantial Completion May 2019.
Contract No. 6	BAF Electrical	NTP Issued May 27, 2016. Projected Phase 1 Substantial Completion August 2018. Projected Phase 2 Substantial Completion May 2019
Contract No. 7	BAF HVAC	NTP Issued May 27, 2016. Projected Phase 1 Substantial Completion August 2018.
Contract No. 8	BAF Plumbing	NTP Issued May 27, 2016. Projected Phase 1 Substantial Completion August 2018.
Contract No. 9	Secant Pile Contract	Project Final Completion achieved October 2017.
Contract No. 10	Solids Handling Renovation	Bids were opened March 16, 2017. NTP issued July 20, 2017.
Floodwall	Floodwall and New Diversion Structure	Currently in construction. Anticipated Completion Date December of 2017.

## **Contract Descriptions**

# Contract No. 1 - Compost Facility Demolition

Demolition of the upper portion of the compost facility was performed to accommodate the construction of the new Administration Building to house the plant staff as well as provide the new control room to operate the new facilities. Demolition of the lower portion of the Compost Building cleared the way for the construction of a new maintenance facility.

Contract Status: 100% Complete

### Contract No. 2 - FEMA Mechanical

The FEMA Mechanical Project replaces valves, equipment and other miscellaneous items damaged in the 2011 flood. It includes equipment in both the East and West Primary Sludge Pumping Stations, valves and equipment located in the Head House, and equipment associated with Sludge Thickener Pumping Station Nos. 1 and 2. The cost of the work associated with this contract is being reimbursed by FEMA due to the flood of 2011.

**Status:** Blue Heron has completed all of the work not deleted by change with exception of installation of the elutriate pumps. It was determined that it would be better to replace the elutriate pumps than to rehabilitate the pumps as included in the contract documents.

Contract Status: 95% Complete

#### Contract No. 3 - BAF Facility Demolition

The BAF Demolition Contract removed the existing structures and utilities that conflict with the new construction work included in the BAF Rehabilitation and Restoration Project. Demolition efforts included selective demolition in the existing process tanks (C-Filters, N-Filters, and DN-Filters) and buildings and mechanical equipment and piping to ready the site for new construction.

Contract Status: 100% Complete

## Contract No. 4 - MCC - HH Emergency Replacement

Contract 4 replaced the original existing Motor Control Center (MCC) in the Head House (HH). The MCC is 50 years old, and is identified as MCC-HH. The contract was bid as an emergency contract because the electrical system in the Head House was both critical to keeping the BJCJSTP in service, and because the original MCC was extremely unreliable due to the age and deteriorated condition of the gear. MCC HH Emergency replacement also replaced the existing raw sewage pump drives of the existing 50 year old equipment including new electrical feeders from the HH to the Johnson City Grit House No. 1, a new feeder from the HH to the Thickened Sludge Pump Station No. 1, and various other panel boards. The emergency work also included replacement of the existing raw sewage variable frequency drives that were located in the existing MCC HH. The new drives installed are more reliable, more efficient, and will provide better performance of the existing raw sewage pumps.

Status: All work on the MCC HH project has been completed except some final reports.

Contract Status: 100% Complete

# Contract No. 5 - BAF Restoration and Rehabilitation Civil Contract

When combined with the other BAF contracts (Nos. 6, 7 & 8), Contract No. 5, the General Civil contract, is intended to provide a functioning automated plant using a BIOSTYR system that can be modified to fit current plant configurations. It is also intended to provide functioning automated headworks and primary clarification processes upstream of the BIOSTYR system and solid handling processes downstream of the BIOSTYR system.

Major components of the work under Contract No. 5 include new coarse screens and ancillary equipment, new piping and valves for the influent pumps, new metering equipment, new fine screens and grit removal with ancillary equipment, a new primary distribution box, new mechanical equipment for primary clarifiers 1-10, new chemical equipment for primary treatment, new chemical storage building, modification of the primary clarifier structural components to replace the aged and deteriorated mechanical equipment, new secondary influent pumps for the new BAF system, a new BAF backwash tank, new CNBAF and DN-BAF facilities, a new methanol system that will feed the DN-BAF cells, new Ultra Violet Light disinfection system to replace the existing chlorine disinfection system, new sludge thickening equipment and systems, a new administration building, new odor control equipment, two new 2MW electric generators, and a new plant outfall to the river.

Status: The shotcrete continued in the BAF Backwash Tank, with the completion of the majority of the segments on the east and west wall. KHM continues to be difficult to deal with in getting them to commit to the Civil Prime Contractor on dates they will be onsite. We are anticipating that the lower level shotcrete to be completed this month. PC has submitted a plan to work out of sequence on the BAF Backwash Tank roof deck, with placements starting from north to south. So far, PC has complied with the revised requirements to allow them to work out of sequence on the contract. We will continue to push PC to get the shotcrete completed or to comply with the revised provisions for out of sequence work.

The contractor is nearing completion of the excavation for the new Headworks and BAF Backwash Treatment facility. The heavy rains on October 28, 2017 flooded their excavation for the Headworks. It will set PC back several days to dewater the excavation and reestablish their work for the concrete work in the Headworks area. PC had an obligation to remove and relocate an electrical ductbank along the west end of the excavation. PC discovered that the ductbank was constructed of asbestos containing material, and a permit was required to allow the ductbank to be removed. The removal and relocation of the ductbank is now complete. Concrete work is continued for the Backwash Treatment Facility. The slabs are done and concrete work for the exterior walls is nearing completion. Two of the slab portions for the new Headworks Building are now complete. Concrete walls will proceed after the concrete slabs for the Headwork are completed. The duration to complete the Headworks is now the third longest duration, following the CN Cells 1-8 and the DN Cells.

Pipe work in the Courtyard area was completed in October. Special care was needed to avoid undermining the existing Courtyard substation during the pipe replacement work. Once the pipe work was complete, the work area has been turned over to Matco to install their ductbanks for the courtyard equipment. This equipment installation is critical to allow us to decommission the severely compromised courtyard substation. Due to the poor condition of the courtyard switchgear, the owner has rented a backup generator to provide power to the plant. We will be maintaining the emergency generator until the new generators are installed and operational.

The temporary force main installed to convey the influent sewage flows from Johnson City has been removed and the interim bypass connections to Primary Settling Tanks #1 and #6 have been redirected utilizing a portion of the pre-existing 30" piping. PC needs to provide a temporary restraint plan for the JC line to prevent the new pipe fittings from moving during construction. Once the line is completely installed to the Headworks, the line will prevent the buried valve from moving.

The temporary disinfection facilities provided by PC are now in service and have been confirmed to be proving adequate disinfection to meet permit requirements. These temporary disinfection facilities have allowed us to take chlorine tank #3 out of service. The flow through Chlorine Tank #2 has been diverted over a new broad crest weir in the Northwest corner of Chlorine Tank #2. A temporary 36" outfall line has been installed and has allowed the existing 84" outfall to be permanently removed from service. The 36" short term temporary outfall will be in service for about three weeks while PC is preparing a long term temporary outfall pipe to divert the flow from Chlorine Contact #2 through the new 72" outfall. Due to an inability of the 36" short term temporary outfall to handle the regulated 35 MGD without impacting flow levels in CCT#2, an

additional 24" pipe and two temporary pumps were put into service this month to prevent impacting the operating level in CCT#2. The high rainfall event on Sunday, October 29, 2017 confirmed that the additional 24" outfall has provided the additional capacity necessary to eliminate any impact to the CCT#2 operating level. CCT#3 is being converted to containment for methanlol, and the existing chlorine building is being converted to control the new methanol systems. The conversion of this tank to the Methanol Containment Tank has been impacted due to the discovery of asbestos containing material in the coating inside the concrete tank.

The contractor completed installing and testing the 4-month bypass system in the existing Regulator vault. The heavy rains on Sunday, October 29, 2017 identified some issues that the contractor needed to correct, and those issues were corrected by the end of the October. During the bypass pump operation, PC will renovate the coarse screen building and equipment as well as the influent flume for the existing Binghamton raw sewage pumps. The coarse screen building has been demolished and will be rebuilt by PC during the bypass pump period. Plant operations has removed two of the primary influent pumps to be refurbished by Flygt, the manufacturer. One of the two new coarse screening units is being used by the contract during this interim period for service within the Regulator vault. The manufacturer will refurbish and recertify the unit before it is installed in the Screening Facility for permanent service.

The reconstruction of Primary Settling tanks #7-10 is progressing well with much of the new concrete work being completed. The initial leakage test was started and it has been determined that there are significant existing construction expansion joints. GHD is reviewing the leaks to determine what the best method of repairing the leaks will be. GHD agreed to allow PC to proceed with the installation of the protective coating being installed on the walls and floor of the primary settling tanks before the expansion joint is repaired. Physical conflicts between the new equipment in the basin and the expansion joint repairs will be addressed so that the joints can be repaired after the coating is installed in all other areas of the tanks.

The reinforcing steel issues pertaining to the CN Cells 1-8 areas have been resolved and the construction of the concrete demising walls and columns have begun. It is critical that the work in the CN Cells be expedited because they are now on or near the critical path for the project. They share a similar length of construction duration with the DN Cells. Work on the west end of the DN Cells began and the condition of the slab is different than could be anticipated during the design phase. We now have a solution and the work is progressing. The contractor is alleging that the DN Cells are now on the critical path and not the Headworks. This is a concern because the Contractor may allege that the C-N and DN cells have exteneded the contractual completion dates.

Demolition work in the area of the new UV treatment facility is complete and concrete work continued in the UV area last month with the forming and casting of concrete interior walls. PC has committed to expediting the exterior walls with the intent of providing flood protection of the plant in the northwest corner of the plant by the November 18, 2017 deadline. Yard piping and utility replacement construction activities are continuing around the site. We are expediting the installation of the new gas service to the plant so that we can have it available for the winter heating season.

Construction of the new Chemical Building is well underway. The concrete block walls are up and brick is being installed. The precast concrete beams in the Chemical Beam have been placed and the roof is being installed. Interior work is scheduled to being in November. Concrete work for the chemical unloading dock is progressing and should be ready for placement in November.

The new Pump Station #4 passed the leakage test and PC is backfilling around the pump station. The stage is set for the new Blower Building work to begin in earnest in November. PC is planning to also have the caisson installation begin in November. After the caissons are installed, the concrete work can begin for the slab in the Blower Building. Completion of the slab for the Blower Building is essential for achieving flood protection for the plant.

Recasting the infills for the new generator equipment pad is complete, and PC is forming and placing the above slab equipment pads in November. The Contractor is being pushed to allow the new generators to be installed and operational as soon as possible. New concrete pads have been installed on the south side of the Generator Building for miscellaneous equipment and are proceeding at an accelerated pace.

Kruger equipment submittals are complete and the final detailed reviews are in progress. Bi-weekly telephone conference calls with Kruger, PC, GHD, and the CM have proven helpful in progressing the work. The casting of nozzle decks is complete and has progressed satisfactorily. PC has stored the nozzle decks near the site. We have received the preliminary BAF Operations and Maintenance manuals as well as the startup and testing plan from Kruger. Installation of the precast slabs is scheduled to begin in early 2018.

The roof for the Administration Building has been installed and PC is making a concerted effort to have the new Administration Building ready to occupy before the end of the year. Interior walls and utility installation continued this month. The installation of interior metal stud walls is complete. The metal ductwork, plumbing and electrical items are progressing. The brick work is continuing. Much of the Sewage Treatment staff is operating out of an off-site temporary facility with core maintenance and system operators remaining on site.

PC has installed the permanent 72" effluent outfall pipe and structure, however it is not yet in service. Streeter has installed the temporary heavy stone swale at the end of the 72" outfall in compliance with the USACE permit requirements. PC will need to complete the new 72" outfall system by November 18, 2017 to provide the required flood protection from the Susquehanna River. A short-term temporary outfall has been PC will need to complete then new 72" outfall system by November 18<sup>th</sup> to provide the required flood protection from Susquehanna River. A short term temporary outfall has been provided by the Floodwall contractor and PC will need to install a long term temporary outfall to allow the Floodwall Contractor to complete their work.

Contract Status: 31% Complete

### Contract No. 6- BAF Electrical

The BAF Electrical contract supports the BAF General Civil Contract and includes all electrical and instrumentation associated with the BAF contracts. The components include installation of the

new UV disinfection system, installation of the new generators, installation of the electrical feed throughout the plant, as well as installation of the instrumentation and SCADA System throughout the plant.

Status: Contract No. 6 was bid and awarded in compliance with the May 27, 2016 milestone for issuing the NTP in the Consent Order. All of the manholes and the associated duct bank work for the new dual primary service have been installed. The first of the new feeds to the plant has been connected and was energized in late August. The second feeder from NYSEG was installed in the wrong location by MATCO. The ductbank was removed to clear the construction for the support of excavation for the Solids Handling Building, and has now been replaced clear of the support of excavation. Installation of the major conduits for the generators has not been begun because the infills and equipment pads have not been completed. Conduit installation of ciruits, alarms and communication at the Administration Building is progressing.

Much of the large electrical transformer and switchgear equipment is in storage in a local warehouse. The two new 2 MW permanent generators were also delivered during August and have been placed in local storage until the Generator Building is made ready for installation of this equipment. MATCO is preparing for installation of the Conduit and wiring in the Generator Building for the new NYSEG feeds, electrical conduit and wire for new Generators, and the electrical conduit and wire for the courtyard switchgear.

The new Courtyard substation is expected to be delivered this month. The Courtyard is a utility congested area with major underground piping and extensive electrical ductbanks. The contractor has completed the pipework in the courtyard. MATCO is expected to be working in earnest next month with the installation of new ductbanks and the beginning of installation activities associated with the new substation equipment. PC's delayed installation of the pipework in the area during October has delayed MATCO's ability to install the underground ductbank until November.

Contract Status: 41% Complete

# Contract No. 7-BAF HVAC

The BAF HVAC contract supports the BAF General Civil Contract and includes installation of all HVAC Systems in all STP Facilities as well as revisions to the odor control systems throughout the plant. The odor control improvements are intended to alleviate the odors that have been prevalent in the past in and around the plant.

**Status**: Contract No. 7 was awarded on May 27, 2016 in compliance with the DEC milestones in the Consent Order. The contractor continued working on ductwork installation in the Maintenance Building, the East Scrubber Building, the Headhouse and the Chemical Storage Building. J&K has provided supporting information for the development of the CPM Schedule. They are coordinating with PC Construction and the other prime contractors. They have acknowledged they can meet the required milestones of the Consent Order. Rough-in is ongoing at the new Administration Building with various other work proceeding throughout the site.

Contract Status: 39% Complete

### Contract No. 8-BAF Plumbing

The BAF Plumbing contract supports the BAF General Civil Contract and includes installation of plumbing systems for the new and existing facilities included in Contract No. 5.

Status: Contract No. 8 Notice to Proceed was issued in compliance with the May 27, 2016 milestone for issuing the NTP in the Consent Order. The contractor continues working on plumbing pipe installations in the new Administration Building, the Maintenance Building and the East Scrubber Building. They are coordinating with PC Construction and the other prime contractors and they have confirmed that they can meet the required milestones of the Consent Order. Roughin at the new Administration Building is ongoing and the new oil/water separator installation is near completion.

Contract Status: 46% Complete

### Contract No. 9 - Secant Pile Contract

The Secant Pile Contract includes installation of the secant piles that support the excavation for the new BAF Backwash tank as well as supporting the new CN Cells 9-14. Construction also includes excavation to the final grade for the BAF backwash tank. This project was bid separately from Contracts 5-8. In doing so, a minimum of four months on the critical path schedule was saved.

**Status**: The installation of the secant pile wall is complete. The contractor has completed the wales and struts and they have completed the excavation to the required elevation for work to begin under Contract 5. One of the two items from the punch list for project was completed this month. The surfacing of the columns has been completed, and the leaks in the secant piles are being sealed as they become known. To accelerate the project, PC Construction progressed with the placement of the concrete floor of the backwash tank while Welliver addressed the punch list items.

Close out documents have been prepared and are being submitted to close out this project.

Contract Status: 100% Complete

## Contract No. 10 - 13 - Solids Handling Renovation

Contracts Nos. 10-13 are intended to renovate and improve the solids handlings systems including the existing digester control building, existing digesters, solids dewatering systems, and all ancillary equipment. The scope was further developed during the design progresses. The constructability review was completed on the 100% design documents.

**Status:** Bids were received on March 16, 2017. GHD has evaluated the bids and recommended awarding the contracts. The contracts were awarded on May 4, 2017. The NTP's were issued on July 20, 2017. Pre-construction meetings were held on August 2, 2017. Because of the necessity to have the Solids Handling equipment operational before Phase 1 is complete, the Sewage Treatment Plant staff has relocated their administration offices off site. Quandel is installing the support of excavation for a new building on the south side of the Digester Building and for the new

Solids Handling Building. They have encountered several unanticipated existing utilities during their efforts to install their support of excavation. The existing ductbank for the NYSEG feed to the plant had asbestos containing material in it and was removed and disposed of under special permit for disposal of ACM via T&M. They also determined that the ductbank that Matco installed on Contract 6 conflicts with the installation of the shoring. Matco removed the ductbank and has reinstalled it now that the support of excavation has been completed on the south side of the Solids Handling Building. Demolition of the materials in the Digester Control Building is ongoing. Excavation is ongoing for both the Digester complex and the Solids Handling Building. Quandel got off to a late start but appears to be accelerating their work progress. Quandel has stated they have no difficulties meeting the required milestones in their contract.

#### Floodwall

The new floodwall being constructed at the STP is intended to protect the plant to an elevation 1.5 feet above the 2011 flood level. The floodwall includes concrete walls on the east and north sides of the STP. The project also includes two new pump stations to pump up stream out of the plant during the storm events. The new floodwall system works in conjunction with new floodwall features included in Contract No.5 BAF General Civil Construction. The floodwall systems are being funded by a FEMA recovery grant.

**Status**: Construction is proceeding with the concrete work on the floodwall. The concrete work for the floodwall is complete with the exception of the work on the west end near the existing 84" outfall. Construction of the Vestal sewer line relocation is complete. The remaining concrete floodwall will be completed over the next 3 months.

The concrete work for Pump Stations No. 1 and 2 are complete. The contractor has continued installing the pump and pipework for the two pump stations. The contractor is anticipating that they will be complete with the floodwall by December 2017, and will complete the work associated with Manhole #3 on the 54" trunk sewer line from Binghamton east of the floodwall during the fall. While excavating at the 54" Binghamton line, a concrete cradle was uncovered under the existing pipe. The concrete cradle is a differing condition for Streeter, and resulted in a redesign of the concrete slab and lower level walls by Griffiths Engineering. The redesign has been completed and Streeter has proceeded with the potential change. We have negotiated the change order price and will submit it for execution in early November.

PC Construction's bypass pumping effort was put into service during the last full week of October. Streeter will not be able to complete the gate installation until after the bypass pump operation is complete. The completion of the gate installation in the sampling manhole will occur approximately 2 months after manhole #3 is completed.

Streeter installed the short-term temporary outfall so that they can complete their work associated with the west end of the floodwall as well as removing and capping the existing abandoned 84" diameter outfall. The short-term temporary bypass tapped the northeast corner of Chlorine Contact Tank #2 and ran a 36" outfall east of existing outfall and above the floodwall footing. The 36" line lacked the capacity due to Streeter's piping configuration and a 24" short-term outfall line was added to the system to handle the required 35 MGD. This allowed the existing 84" outfall to be

permanently removed from service. The short-term temporary outfall is in place and is operating as intended. It also allowed Streeter to complete the installation of the segment of the 12" Vestal sewer line.

Rehabilitation of the digesters is underway. The coatings for Digester #3 walls are complete and the contractor is now working on the coatings for the cone section at the below the walls. Streeter is currently repairing the damaged concrete in the cone section to allow the coating to be applied. We anticipate them completing the floor coating in October. Streeter has begun installing the coatings in Digester #1 and #2. The coating work is weather sensitive so we are encouraging the contractor to complete this work before fall weather prevents the work from being performed.

All permit requirements regarding the SEQR and the USACE permit have been complied with. We are currently projecting the Contractor to complete the floodwall within the allowed contract completion date in the Consent Order milestones. Streeter has submitted a price to construct a temporary at shore outfall for bypass.

Contract Status: 81% Complete

### NOTES:

- 1. SWPPP measures continue to be maintained by all contracts. Any deficiencies noted during daily or weekly inspections are promptly remedied.
- 2. Weekly meetings are held for each contract to discuss the progress of the work and identify and resolve issues and problems. Meetings between contractors on the various contracts are held as necessary to facilitate any concerns and coordinate work between all contracts.
- 3. Contracts 5-8 are continuing the submittal process for all equipment and materials. They are being reviewed and processed as they are submitted.
- 4. Contracts 10-13 are continuing submittals and are preparing their CPM Schedule.













