

August 2, 2005

Mr. Jim Fuller, City Engineer
City of Columbia
707 North Main Street
Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Re: State Street Aid Fund

Dear Mr. Fuller

Mr. James Childress recently asked if State Street Aid Funds could be used to take water samples at stormwater system outfalls. Based upon my research and interpretation of the State Street Aid regulations, it is my opinion that State Street Aid Funds cannot legally be used to pay for such stormwater sampling.

The funds can be used to address a stormwater problem that is directly impacting a city street. Sampling required under stormwater regulations has to do with pollution of the water, not the destruction of a street. Therefore such sampling is not an eligible expenditure.

Please call me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely

Ron Darden
Municipal Management Consultant

Cc. Margaret Norris