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Via Email

United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Subject: Jackson Mississippi Water Improvements – (DWJXN-L250008-06-0**

**CFDA # 66.468)**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Wharton-Smith, Inc., please accept our AIS Waiver Request for the Jackson Water System's Corrosion Control Project in Jackson, MS.

As part of the ongoing improvements at the O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant (WTP), there is an urgent need to install small-bore stainless-steel pipe and fittings ranging from ½" & 1" sizes for the CO2 compressed gas lines that is being installed from the CO2 Panels to High Service Pump Stations 1 & 2 and the Raw Water Pump Station injection points. During the procurement process for purchasing this material we have come to find out that the AIS compliant piping is non-existent for this size material. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have contacted several other vendors about the pipe, and they all tell us it's non-existent and this poses a potential delay to our project schedule. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The ½" piping is not available in domestic at all and only available as import.

Supporting Information:

Please list below for the respective vendors we have reached out to for AIS compliant small-bore stainless-steel piping that told us that this material can't be provided:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Attached to the waiver will be the most current project schedule showing the highlighted activities that are affected by this. [REDACTED] is the only critical activity for this work with the others to follow.

[REDACTED]



Attached to this waiver will be and Quantified amount of material needed for this work with the estimated price for Non-AIS and AIS Stainless-Steel Material. AIS Material price is listed as N/A for the actual pipe since we could not receive a price from any vendor.

To maintain our commitment to delivering safe and reliable water to the City of Jackson, we respectfully request that our waiver be granted to facilitate the timely delivery and installation of the necessary system.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
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Wharton-Smith, Inc.

Very Respectfully,

This waiver request was submitted to the EPA by the state of Mississippi and applies only to the project in the subject line. All supporting correspondence and/or documentation from contractors, suppliers or manufacturers included as a part of this waiver request was done so by the recipient to provide an appropriate level of detail and context for the submission. There may be documents with project diagrams, schedules, and supplier correspondence in formats that do not meet the Federal accessibility requirements for publication on the Agency's website. Hence, these exhibits have been omitted from this waiver publication. They are available upon request by emailing [DWSRFWaiver@epa.gov](mailto:DWSRFWaiver@epa.gov)



O.B. CURTIS CORROSION CONTROL DESIGN  
FINAL WORKS PACKAGE

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