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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Malcolm Pirnie/ERC Inc. Stormwater Utility Program Project Team

The City of Lancaster has been working with the environmental engineering firm of Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. on various wastewater treatment, wastewater collection system, and water and wastewater master planning projects since 1991. During the last 18 months, Malcolm Pirnie has teamed with the stormwater utility rate consulting firm of Environmental Rate Consultants, Inc. (ERC). The Malcolm Pirnie/ERC team has been assisting the City of Lancaster with assessing the feasibility and funding needs of a stormwater utility program as well as with compliance with upcoming Ohio EPA NPDES Phase II stormwater regulations.

We have found the experience of the Pirnie/ERC team with regard to the understanding of stormwater regulations, knowledge of storm water utility implementation, familiarity with numerous stormwater utility funding options and relevant experience in other communities around the state of Ohio to be invaluable. To date, they have guided the City through a well-organized process that involved many stakeholders to reach consensus and buy-in regarding the City's stormwater needs and a funding mechanism. Their approach recognized the importance of including the elected officials in the development process in order to ultimately achieve the support of the general public.

We have been very satisfied with the performance of Malcolm Pirnie during last ten years on and all their projects. This high level of satisfaction has continued on the stormwater utility project for which Pirnie and ERC has teamed. We would highly recommend them to any municipality attempting to address its stormwater utility needs.

If you have any questions about our program, please do not hesitate to contact me at 740/687-6664.

Sincerely yours,



Michael B. Nixon
Superintendent
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