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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES T. LYNN

FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT: Sewerage Treatment Plant
in Hickory, North Carolina

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 30 on the above subject and made the following notation:

"Please keep me posted."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

MAR 30 1976

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JAMES T. LYNN
SUBJECT: Sewerage Treatment Plant in
Hickory, North Carolina

*Keep me posted
JAL*

You recently asked about the status of the Sewerage Treatment Plant in Hickory, North Carolina.

A joint facilities plant was developed by the towns of Hickory and Longview, North Carolina and was forwarded to EPA's Regional Office for approval. (The idea was initiated by Longview which has a plant that does not meet EPA requirements. Hickory would get the plant-- Longview would use it.)

The total cost of the project was estimated at \$9.3 million. The total grant amount was \$7.4 million.

In order to move to the next phase in the application process, the two towns must formally endorse the plan which Longview now refuses to do. (Longview is now considering altering its present plant to meet EPA's standards and also is objecting to the user charges Hickory would require.)

EPA's Regional Office notified the State on November 14, 1975, that an agreement would have to be reached between the municipalities before a grant could be made. The State has not responded as of March 22.

It may, however, be possible for EPA to accept a new application from Hickory if no agreement could be reached between the cities.