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**Re: Comments and Petition for Contested Case Hearing on Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal Permit No. MN0001449, 3M Operations LLC Cottage Grove Facility, Cottage Grove, Washington County, Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Schnick:

This letter provides 3M Chemical Operations LLC's (3M) comments on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) July 1, 2024 Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) Permit (Draft Permit) for 3M's Cottage Grove Facility.

3M is also submitting its Petition for Contested Case Hearing, which includes a request for a meeting with the Commissioner pursuant to Minn. R. 7001.0215, subp. 1.

In considering 3M's Comments on the Draft Permit and Petition for Contested Case Hearing, the MPCA should note that 3M has made, and is making, significant changes to the Cottage Grove Facility that should be reflected in any renewed NPDES/SDS permit. These changes are discussed extensively in 3M's Comments.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

WINTHROP & WEINSTINE, P.A.

*/s/ Elizabeth H. Schmiesing*

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