Location: Project authority covers combined sewer overflows within the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri.

Description: The purpose of the project is to eliminate or control combined sewer overflows within the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri. The sponsor requested five items of work: three sewer rehabilitations, one pump station alteration, and one local sewer construction.

Issues: Administration policy precludes budgeting for this initiative and this project was funded previously via congressional adds. Additional future work beyond FY16 would require increase in current authorization limit.

Importance: Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) serves a population of approximately 1.4 million people over an area of 524 square miles. MSD is responsible for operating and maintaining 8,585 miles of sewer, which include 1,781 miles of combined sewers, located in residential neighborhoods, public parks and other publicly accessible locations. The replacement or rehabilitation of the combined sewers to meet stricter water quality requirements in highly urbanized areas has become a priority for MSD. MSD will implement $4.7 Billion in needed wastewater improvements throughout its service area over the next few decades.

Risk: Operating, maintaining, and keeping these sewers functional are a necessity for economic development to occur and are a requirement to protect the health and safety of the public.

Consequence: The USEPA Region VII issued a Notice of Violation to the Metropolitan Sewer District in May 2007 which requires posting of signs by all combined sewer overflow surface discharge locations to warn the public of the potential health hazards. The EPA estimates that these sites discharge 226 million gallons of untreated sewage into receiving waters on an annual basis.

Activities for FY 15: FY14 carryover is being used to complete Task Order (TO) 1 of Old Mill Creek (OMC) Phase 3 construction and to finalize the cost-sharing agreement for Harlem-Baden project. FY15 funding will be used to award next TO of OMC Phase 3 construction.

Acquisition Strategy: Additional TO would be awarded under existing IDIQ contract.

Amount That Could Be Used in FY 16: An amount of $14,806,000 could be used to initiate and complete Old Mill Creek Phase 3 ($3,500,000 in two increments); initiate and complete Harlem-Baden project, pending execution of cost-sharing agreement ($11,200,000 in three phases); and update design and decision documents for Phase 3 to include Chouteau Lake green infrastructure project ($106,000).

Project Sponsor/Customer: Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

Congressional Interest: Senate: Blunt and McCaskill (MO); House: Clay (MO-1).