



July 3, 2025

Michele R. Valdivia
Senior Property Manager
Watco
1890 E Johnson Street
Madison, WI 53704

Subject: Public Hearing – MMSD Rezoning Request

Dear Ms. Valdivia,

Kristin Connolly, Principal Planner from the City of Milwaukee, forwarded your July 2nd, 2025 letter to us concerning Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) properties located at approximately 4330 N. 35th Street in the City of Milwaukee. Thank you for your comments with respect to the proposed rezoning of such parcels and the points raised regarding your concerns for public safety in relation to our future plans for said parcels.

MMSD recognizes the importance of ensuring public safety, particularly in areas adjacent to active railroad operations. We value your input and would like to address the points you have outlined in your letter:

1. Secure Fencing or Barrier Installation

Currently there is a 6-foot-high chain link fence that runs the length of the boundary between the Watco and the MMSD properties at this location. MMSD's plan is to maintain or replace the fence as it currently exists in height, style, and location as part of the final construction project at this location. Therefore, a contiguous fence along the entire MMSD/Watco property line is in place, will remain in place in the interim state of the MMSD property, and will be in place once construction is complete.

2. Safety Signage

MMSD is supportive of the recommendation by Watco that safety signage may be appropriate at this location. We welcome any suggestions and/or examples from Watco of signage, messaging, and placement that could be placed along the aforementioned fence alignment. If Watco has such suggestions and/or examples that can be provided to MMSD, we will review the recommendations.

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MMSD appreciates Watco's commitment to public safety in this instance. Should you have any further concerns or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Beth" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Smith".

Beth Smith
Real Estate Supervisor

Cc: Jerome Flogel, via email
Vincent Bauer, via email
Kristin Connolly, via email