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## "Message from the Executive Director"

With autumn quickly approaching and the Hurricane Season in full swing, PVSC continues to make steady progress on our Post-Sandy recovery efforts at the plant, while at the same time preparing for any incidents of extreme weather.

As you may have noticed, PVSC recently completed a comprehensive project to protect against flooding and tidal surges from extreme storms and hurricanes. The deployment of a "Muscle Wall" or flood control barricade system is designed to protect key infrastructure at the plant.

As part of our Post-Sandy recovery efforts, one item of monumental importance are the preparations PVSC is making for the 2013 Hurricane Season. As many meteorologists note, September through November are among the most dangerous months here on the East Coast for volatile Hurricane activity. To that end, PVSC has implemented this new flood control barricade system to ensure we are prepared in the event that a storm like Sandy strikes again.

Installation of the flood barricade began on July 22 and was completed on August 9. A total of 7,760 linear feet (just under 1.5 miles) of wall has been installed around key PVSC facilities such as the plant's electrical substation, treatment process facilities and other vulnerable operations.

Although our work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on the construction of permanent flood control measures is still on-going, PVSC cannot afford the risk this year of not being ready. We are well-prepared for any extreme weather situation and I am proud that PVSC has taken a leadership role in these flood mitigation efforts.

PVSC also continues to work with FEMA on the completion and submission of Project Worksheets (PWs). Because of our diligence, PVSC is tentatively approved to receive more than \$100 Million from FEMA for repairs and upgrades. To date, 44 PW's have been anticipated for PVSC, with 41 PW's already in the FEMA system. 37 of these have been obligated – including one PW for \$2.49 million in repairs to PVSC's underground utility tunnel infrastructure – which means that the money eligible to PVSC will be sent to the State of NJ for allocation at a future date.

There are a number of PWs ready for signature or under review which include repairs to the Witco Facility, Sludge Heat Treatment Facility, the Lab, the OEM Building, and the Administration Building. PWs are also contemplated for Marine Debris Removal and the Outfall System.

I'm very pleased with these developments at the plant. Thanks to all those involved for this excellent work!

Thank you,

Mike DeFrancisci, Executive Director