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Ms. Renee Hoyos
Executive Director
Tennessee Clean Water Network
123A S. Gay Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

RE: Victor J. Jernigan
Our file no: 2042.000

Dear Ms. Hoyos:

Our firm represents Victor Jernigan and we have been asked to contact you concerning the untruthful and defamatory statements you made against him in the Knoxville News Sentinel published on Monday, August 3, 2009, and again on Wednesday, August 5, 2009. While separate counsel will be engaged to vigorously defend your assertions relating to the Clean Water Act, our firm has been engaged to review potential claims against you individually for statements you made to the Knoxville News Sentinel concerning Mr. Jernigan.

In the articles, you assert that (1) Victor is the developer on projects where he is not; (2) Victor has violated the Clean Water Act when we have been advised that he has not; and (3) Victor has transferred property with improper intent to avoid potential liability when all transfers were made in the ordinary course of business. It is the position of Mr. Jernigan that these statements were made by you with knowledge of their falsity and/or with negligence in failing to ascertain the truth.

Continued defamatory statements on your part will only further subject you to individual liability. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Knoxville News Sentinel
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Victor J. Jernigan