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Kenner receives check for \$21 million from the DEQ State Revolving Loan Fund

BATON ROUGE – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Peggy Hatch presented a \$21 million check to the city of Kenner yesterday. The funds, which came from the Clean Waters State Revolving Loan Fund at an interest rate of .95 percent, will be used to upgrade Kenner’s wastewater collection and treatment facilities.

Kenner plans to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations and forcemains throughout the City in order to provide additional flow, flexibility and control. A closed circuit television inspection of portions of the collection system will be done to identify damaged lines in need of repair. Work at the treatment plant will include the redesign and construction of the dechlorination facility, headworks, clarifiers and piping.

“Improvements to wastewater treatment plants across the state have been beneficial to Louisiana,” said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. “It’s projects such as this one in Kenner that will enable Louisiana citizens to continue to see improvements in water quality. The data shows the water quality in Louisiana is the best it’s been, and these types of projects, infrastructure upgrades and utilizing the best technology available are important for the state to continue this positive environmental trend.”

The check presentation was made at the Kenner City Council meeting yesterday at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

For more information the Clean Waters State Revolving Loan Fund, go to <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/FinancialServices/CleanWaterStateRevolvingFund.aspx>.