

- l. *Substantial Completion:* After receiving notice from Contractor that they consider the entire Work complete and ready for its intended use, we will conduct one (1) pre-final observation in company with the Client and Contractor to observe the Contractor's work to determine if, based on the Engineer's professional opinion and belief and based only on information available at the time of pre-final on-site observation, the Work is substantially complete. If we do not consider the Work substantially complete, we will notify the Contractor in writing giving reasons therefore. If, after considering any objections of Client, Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer shall deliver a certificate of Substantial Completion to Client and Contractor in accordance with the provisions in the Contract Documents. Attached to the certificate will be a punch-list of items that, in the Engineer's professional opinion, knowledge and belief, are deficient and must be completed or corrected before we recommend final payment be made to the Contractor by the Client. The certificate of Substantial Completion is intended to be interpreted only as an expression of professional opinion and therefore does not constitute an expressed warranty or guarantee.
- m. *Final Notice of Acceptability of the Work:* After receiving notice from the Contractor that the punch-list items are completed, we will conduct one (1) final on-site observation in company with Client and the Contractor to determine if the completed Work of Contractor is acceptable in the Engineer's professional opinion, reasonable knowledge and belief and based only on information available at the time of final on-site observation and to the extent of the services provided by Engineer under this Agreement, so that Engineer may recommend, in writing, final payment to Contractor. We will notify the Contractor and the Client in writing of any particulars in which the final observation reveals that the Work is incomplete or defective.
- n. *Project Completion Statement:* EPD will require a statement from the Engineer of Record that the project has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and that the Contractor has satisfactorily completed the project. Therefore, after we conduct the final on-site observation, we will, upon determining that in the Engineer's professional opinion and belief and based only on information available at the time of final on-site observation, furnish a letter to EPD and one (1) copy to the Client that the Project is completed in accordance with EPD's approved Drawings and Specifications. The Statement of Project Completion is intended to be interpreted only as an expression of professional opinion and therefore does not constitute an expressed warranty or guarantee. The statement of project completion will be for the sole use of the Client and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division and cannot be used or relied upon by any third party without the expressed written permission from C&S.
- o. *Limitation of Responsibilities:* Engineer shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any Contractor, or of any subcontractors, suppliers, or other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any portions of the Work, or any agents or employees of any of them. The Engineer shall not be responsible for the failure of any Contractor to perform or furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents or any laws, codes, rules or regulations.

6. Construction Observation

If the Client does not authorize C&S to provide onsite construction observations services, then it is understood that the Engineer's Scope of Services under this Agreement does not include construction phase services including, but not limited to, general administration of the construction contract, acting as the Client's representative during construction, and/or providing onsite project/construction observation or review of the Contractor's performance or any other construction phase services, and that such services will be provided for by the Client. The Client