



April 24, 2023

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Re: Planned power outage for maintenance work at 400 Alexander Road Sunnyside, WA 98944. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit # WA0052078

Mr. Durkee:

A planned power outage will take place at the Darigold plant on Tuesday, May 2nd from 7:00am to 11:00am to complete some required electrical maintenance. As a result, the wastewater lift stations that pump in to the EQ tank will be inoperable and the flow will bypass the EQ tank and flow directly to the Port of Sunnyside. While the bypassing is taking place, there is the risk of pH going outside of our permitted limits. Please accept this letter as notice for the planned work.

The following are specific to our permit under S4.B. Bypass Procedure Section 1a:

(1) A description of the bypass and the reason the bypass is necessary;

The wastewater lift stations will be inoperable as the power will be off from 7:00am to 11:00am. The EQ tank will then be bypassed during this time.

(2) An analysis of all known alternatives which would eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the potential impacts from the proposed bypass;

We have no other alternatives. The equalization tank must be bypassed to complete the work.

(3) A cost-effectiveness analysis of alternatives;

Due to no alternatives, a cost effectiveness analysis was not performed.

(4) The minimum and maximum duration of bypass under each alternative;

Due to no alternatives, the minimum and maximum durations have not been considered. The bypass is projected to last three hours.



(5) A recommendation as to the preferred alternative for conducting the bypass;

We feel the preferred method is to bypass, hence to reason for the requesting permission.

(6) The projected date of bypass initiation;

The bypass would begin at 7:00am and end at 11:00am on May 2nd. Timing of the bypass will be coordinated with the Port of Sunnyside.

(7) A statement of compliance with SEPA;

This work will comply with all SEPA requirements and no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

(8) A request for modification of water quality standards as provided for in WAC 173-201A-410, if an exceedance of any water quality standard is anticipated;

No modification of water quality standards will be necessary and all outfall 002 wastewater will be directed to the Port of Sunnyside's treatment facility.

(9) Details of the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the bypass;

We feel our current approach will minimize the duration of the bypass. Unfortunately, we can not eliminate or prevent the electrical work from needing to be done.

If you happen to have any questions, concerns, or want to follow up on this issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best Regards,

Anthony Ashby
Environmental Manager
Darigold