

November 17, 2023

Matt Durkee
Department of Ecology Central Regional Office
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903

Re: Annual routine maintenance and repair on Darigold's equalization tank and components at 400 Alexander Road Sunnyside, WA 98944. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit # WA0052078

Mr. Durkee:

Annual routine maintenance and repair/replacement (RMRR) is due on our equalization tank and its associated components. I am requesting that our equalization tank be bypassed to complete RMRR activities. The equalization tank will need to be bypassed for approximately three days (November 27th through November 29th). During this time, the tank will be cleaned and inspected by outside contractors and any required repairs for the tank and its functional components will also be completed at this time. 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;

Our equalization tank would be bypassed and drained to perform annual routine maintenance and repairs.

(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 for five days.



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(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 on the afternoon of November 27th and last through the evening of November 29th. 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 routine maintenance and repairs 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

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