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January 26, 2016

The Honorable Carrie Roecks
And Rockford City Council
Town of Rockford
P.O. Box 49
Rockford, WA 99030

Dear Mayor Roecks and Council members:

RE: Certified Operator Requirement for the Town of Rockford's Wastewater Discharge Facility

The Town of Rockford has been operating without a certified operator in charge of the town's wastewater treatment plant since September 18, 2015. The town has a requirement through Section S5.A. of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES) WA0044831 to have a Class I operator certified by the State of Washington "*in responsible charge of the day-to-day operation of the wastewater treatment plant.*" The town can choose to hire someone as a full-time Class 1 operator, or they can explore the option of hiring a contract operator. If a contract operator is the preferred choice, the town must still have someone in charge of the plant day-to-day.

The town is currently out of compliance with this section of their NPDES permit. Please respond to me by February 15, 2016, with the town's plan to comply with the requirement to hire an operator.

If you have questions, please call me at (509) 329-3536.

Sincerely,

Michael Hepp
Compliance Specialist

cc: Ellie Key, Facility Manager