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August 31, 2016

Mr. Mike Stevens
Water-Sewer Superintendent
City of Camas
1620 Southeast 8th Avenue
Camas, WA 98607

Re: City of Camas Water Treatment Plant National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Inspection to Determine Termination of the General Permit

Dear Mr. Stevens

On August 23, 2016, Carl Jones and I inspected the city of Camas' old Water Treatment Plant to determine if NPDES Waste Discharge Permit No. WAG641006 can be terminated.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in completing the inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-407-6279 or by e-mail at carey.cholski@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Carey Cholski
Permit Manager
Water Quality Program
Southwest Regional Office

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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington D.C. 20460

Water Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)

Transaction Code		NPDES										yr/mo/dy				Inspection Type		Inspector		Facility Type			
1	N	5	W	A	G	6	4	1	0	0	6	1	6	0	8	2	3	C	S	1			
Remarks																							
21																							
Inspection Work Days		Facility Self-Monitoring Evaluation Rating										B1		QA		-----Reserved-----							
67				69																			
		70										71		72		73		74		75		80	

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) Camas Water Filtration Plant 308 Northeast 35th Avenue Camas, WA 98607	Entry Time/Date 10:50 a.m. 8/23/16	Permit Effective Date September 1, 2014
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number Mike Stevens, Water-Sewer Supervisor 360-817-1563 ext 4283 mstevens@cityofcamas.us	Exit Time/Date 11:40 a.m. 8/23/16	Permit Expiration Date August 31, 2019
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number The Honorable Scott Higgins, Mayor P.O. Box 1055 Camas, WA 98607 Phone: 360-834-6864 Fax: 360-834-1535	Other Facility Data (e.g., SIC NAICS, and other description information)	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretreatment	<input type="checkbox"/> MS4
<input type="checkbox"/> Records/Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Schedules	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility Site Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Operations & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Sewer Overflow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge Handling/Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer Overflow	

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

(Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists, including Single Event Violation codes, as necessary)

Carl Jones and I met with Mr. Mike Stevens at the Operations Center. Mr. Stevens went through the specifications of the Water Filtration Plant that has been shut down as well as pictures of the new Water Filtration Plant (Slow Sand Filter Plant). Mr. Stevens explained how he is hoping that the old plant's settling ponds would infiltrate any rainwater that it will collect. I asked if he knew how it handled the rain last year, he said he was not sure.

Mr. Stevens then drove Carl and me to the old Water Filtration Plant. Photos 1 and 2 show the Settling Ponds. The Settling Ponds have vegetation and does appear to have sediment from when they were in use. Mr. Stevens explained how the backwash discharged to the lake from the Settling Ponds (Photo 3).

We discussed our concerns that if the rain in ponds are not able to infiltrate, the possibility of a discharge to the lake through the current pipes (Photo 4). Mr. Stevens suggested raising the pipes so rainwater would not be able to discharge to the lake. His only concern is the gate (Photo 5) above the pipes. I suggested that if there is a major storm event, that they go and check to see if the rainwater reaches the gate.

Carl suggested that Mr. Stevens fill the ponds with a couple feet of water to test to see if it infiltrates. Mr. Stevens said he would do that and he will take pictures of the raised pipes and send them to us. I suggested that if the water test infiltrates that he should also send the request for termination letter along with the pictures and the results of their test.

Mr. Stevens showed us around the plant a little more and then drove us back to the Operations Center. I recommend that if the pipes are raised so there is not a possible discharge to the lake and the Settling Ponds are able to infiltrate/percolate in order to handle normal rain events, that the permit gets terminated.

I would like to come back to the plant during the rainy season (January, February, or March) and see how well the ponds are handling the rainwater.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Carey Cholski <i>Carey Cholski</i>	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers Ecology/SWRO 360-407-6279	Date 8/25/16
Carl Jones <i>Carl Jones</i>	Ecology/SWRO 360-407-6431	8/25/16
Signature of Management A Q Reviewer Gregory Zentner, P.E. <i>[Signature]</i>	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax numbers Ecology/SWRO 360-407-6368	Date 8/25/2016

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CAMAS WATER FILTRATION PLANT PHOTOS
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Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

