



July 10, 2023

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

Re: Bypass of compliance flow meter for outfall 002. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Waste  
Discharge Permit # WA0052078

Mr. Durkee:

On the afternoon of 6/30, two of the three plant servers failed due to hardware issues. As a result, the SCADA system would not function, and operators had limited visibility to equipment and system function including tank levels. Throughout the weekend, the plant struggled to operate, resulting in unplanned product and water dumps to the wastewater system. To prevent the EQ tank from overflowing, plant maintenance personal bypassed the system on two occasions.

At 5:45pm on 6/30, the wastewater EQ tank was bypassed. The Port of Sunnyside was contacted prior to making the necessary valving changes. The flow was then valved back to the EQ tank at approximately 2:00am on 7/1. The EQ tank was again bypassed at 5:15pm on 7/1 and valved back at 3:10am on 7/2. In total, approximately 500,000 gallons of wastewater were bypassed.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want to follow up on this issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email [anthony.ashby@darigold.com](mailto:anthony.ashby@darigold.com) or phone 509-712-5824.

Best Regards,

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