



October 17, 2024
Ms. Charlotte Daskalopoulos
Water Quality Permit Manager
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205-1295
RE: Noncompliance Report

Dear Ms. Daskalopoulos,

SGL is submitting this noncompliance report in accordance with Condition S3.F.d for the month of September 2024.

Description of the noncompliance, period of noncompliance, and the cause

Violation	Period of noncompliance	Cause
Flow Daily, Total	September 9-21, 28, 30	SGL staff is working to find the cause for the high flow values during September. Historically, this has been caused by malfunctioning blowdown valves or overflowing swamp coolers.
Flow Monthly, Average	September 2024	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) Total, 6 month average	September 2024	BOD5 is elevated in a few samples during the last 6 month period. The sampling tubing was discovered to be clogged with algal sludge upon inspection. It was replaced on 9/26.

Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance.

BOD5 values are elevated during the past few months. SGL staff discovered clogged sampling tubing during the sampling event in late September. The tubing was replaced on September 26th. SGL staff expects the subsequent samples to exhibit lower BOD5 levels and fall back to within the permitted limit in the next month.

At the time of this report, SGL staff has not yet found the reason for the high daily and monthly average wastewater flows. SGL staff will update Ecology via email once more information is gathered.

Untreated overflow.

The noncompliance does not involve a quantity of untreated overflow, as SGL does not conduct treatment of industrial wastewater.



Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Oliver Weinegand
President – SGL North America

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DR. WEINEGAND