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Received via: matthew.durkee@ecy.wa.gov

Re: Outfall 2 and 4 violations November 2024. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit # WA0052078

Mr. Durkee:

During the month of November, the Sunnyside plant continued to experience challenges and as a result exceeded its Outfall 2 Schedule A limits for flow and COD pounds. See the table below.

Outfall #	Parameter	Actual	Schedule A Limit
2	Flow (gallons)	35,617,868	30,752,136
2	COD (pounds)	1,970,938	1,164,250

The Sunnyside plant did reduce their water consumption which led to lower wastewater volume in November vs October. I also had the Sunnyside plant purchase a COD probe that will be installed in the flume. The COD probe will help identify times they are discharging higher COD levels to the Port of Sunnyside.

The Port of Sunnyside was unable to collect a samples on Thanksgiving as they were closed for the holiday. The result was not being able to meet the sampling frequency for COD. In Secure Access Washington (SAW), the validation report only triggered outfall 2 and not outfall 4. Both outfalls have the same 1/day sampling frequency. All other days in November has COD tests conducted for outfalls 2 and 4.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out. My email is chris.babcock@darigold.com and my mobile phone number is (509) 854-4379.

Best Regards,



Chris Babcock
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