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Via E-mail (phal461@ecy.wa.gov)

Mr. Pat Hallinan, Water Quality Permit Coordinator
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Regarding: Confirmation of installation of fine bubble aeration system

Dear Mr. Hallinan:

Inland Empire Paper (IEP) is submitting this letter in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit WA-0000825 Special Condition S4, Table 13 Compliance Schedule, as amended on December 20, 2024. Item 3 of Table 13 requires IEP to submit a "*Letter confirming the installation and operation of the fine bubble aeration system*" by May 31, 2025.

IEP is hereby confirming that the aforementioned aeration system was installed from March 17 to March 20, 2025 with operations beginning on March 20, 2025.

Please contact me if you any questions or require additional information regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Carleton
Technical Superintendent