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Received via: [matthew.durkee@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:matthew.durkee@ecy.wa.gov)

Re: April 2025 violations for outfall 2. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit # WA0052078

Mr. Durkee:

During the month of April, the Sunnyside plant exceeded its Outfall 2 Schedule A limits for flow, COD pounds, TKN pounds, and the monthly flow-weighted average chloride concentration. Please see the table below for actual values compared to the Schedule A limits.

Outfall #	Parameter	Actual	Schedule A Limit
2	Flow (gallons)	35,218,413	30,752,136
2	COD (pounds)	1,975,363	1,164,250
2	TKN (pounds)	51,436	51,307
2	Chloride (mg/L)	268	250

The Sunnyside plant continues to attempt the implementation of operational strategies aimed at reducing both wastewater volume and loading to the Port of Sunnyside. Despite these efforts, monthly flow and COD loading remain persistent challenges. Additionally, TKN loading exceeded permitted levels this month, primarily due to increased product losses throughout the production process. As previously communicated, Darigold and the Port of Sunnyside are targeting a renegotiation of the Schedule A contract limits during the upcoming summer. Preliminary discussions with the Port indicate a willingness to increase our Schedule A limits, which would provide additional operational flexibility and support compliance efforts under the current conditions. Plant management is fully aware of the outfall 2 recurring effluent violations. Darigold has engaged HDR Engineering to evaluate and identify wastewater projects aimed at improving load reduction through wastewater treatment. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. My email is [chris.babcock@darigold.com](mailto:chris.babcock@darigold.com) and my mobile phone number is (509) 854-4379.

Best Regards,



Chris Babcock  
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