



June 22, 2012

Ms. Nancy Williams
EPA, Region 6
Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: AR0021750

Dear Ms. Williams:

The following violations were noted for the above referenced permit for May 2012.

Ammonia Nitrogen, 30 day average – 10mg/l (Permit Limit – 5 mg/l)
Ammonia Nitrogen, 7 day average – 4 (May 2012)

No harmful effects were reported by the public or noted by utility personnel in the receiving stream.

The Massard treatment facility began modifying treatment strategies in late March 2012 to begin cultivating the organisms necessary for Ammonia Nitrogen removal. Despite considerable effort and process control changes, ammonia reducing bacteria have not yet reached concentrations necessary for efficient ammonia nitrogen reduction.

Plant staff recently instituted additional process changes which are now showing promising results. It is anticipated that compliance could be attained within the next few weeks. The City will advise EPA as conditions warrant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Parké".

Steve Parké
Director of Utilities

Pc: ADEQ, NPDES Section, Water Division
Steve Floyd, Superintendent-Water/Wastewater Operations

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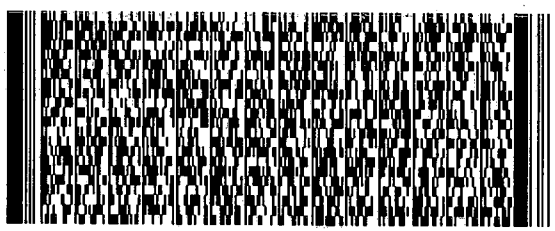
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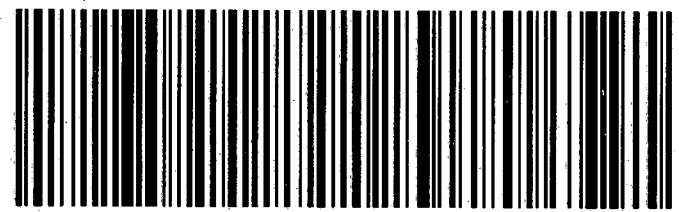
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