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RE: Decatur Permit Violations Permit Number AR0022292, AFIN 04-00052

Dear Ms. Bolenbaugh,

The Decatur WWTP had permit limit problems concerning the 7 day and the 30 day average of our permit for TSS. Also during the month of July we had three weeks that our phosphorus numbers were high, leading to an average of 1.50 mg/l average for the month. We also had one week of Ammonia issues due to heavy rainfall.

The numbers we have put up for the month of July and probably August are unacceptable to our department. We saw late last year that we were possibly heading for TSS issues that have also caused phosphorus problems. Although we moved quickly once we saw issues coming; getting all of the things in place to make an improvement takes time. Starting with engineering, approvals from your department to one of the wettest years on record have made getting our new Acti-flo solids removal system completed, the challenge of my career. We are within three weeks of startup of our new system. We hope that your department and our friends at the EPA well continue to be patient with us and know we are moving as fast and working hard everyday to meet our compliance goals. Let us show you soon what we can do.

If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call at 479-752-3912.

Sincerely,

James Boston  
Public Works Manager  
City of Decatur

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