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From: Juarez, Paul (he/him/his) <Juarez.Paul@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 2:39 PM
To: Gregory Becker
Cc: Herrera, Esteban; Alan York (adpce.ad); Todd Pedersen
Subject: RE: Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer- Benton Utilities AR0036498

Good afternoon Gentlemen-

I have reviewed the data provided regarding the quarterly Whole Effluent Toxicity test failures.

During our discussion on 6/6/2023, I was unaware of any retest failures as I did not have the data available to me.

I observed in the retests lab reports provided that the 2nd retest for C. dubia during the 4th quarter of 2020 seemed to have failed both endpoints (lethal and sublethal).

According to the permit, a TRE should have been initiated. Has a TRE been conducted since late 2020?

If so, please forward me a copy of your TRE plan. Thank you for time and understanding in this matter.

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From: Gregory Becker
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Hello Mr. Juarez,

Attached are the retest results for the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests reported by the Benton Utilities WWTP (AR0036498) on 3/31/2020, 12/31/2020, and 3/31/2021 DMR's.

Attachments:

DMR - Reported 3/31/2020

- Bio1stQtr-1st Retest 2020
 - Bio2ndQtr-2nd Retest 2020
- DMR - Reported 12/31/2020
- Bio4thQtr-1st Retest 2020
 - Bio4thQtr-2nd Retest 2020
 - Bio4thQtr-3rd Retest 2020
- DMR - Reported 3/31/2021
- Bio1stQtr-1st Retest 2021
 - Bio1stQtr-2nd Retest 2021

I have also attached copies of the current NPDES permit (AR0036498_City of Benton)(Effective Date: 4/1/2021) as well as the previous expired NPDES permit (AR0036498_City of Benton – Old)(Effective Date: 4/1/2021 – 3/30/2021).

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Yes, I will send out an invitation to the meeting.

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Tuesday June 6th at 10:00 am works for me. Will you be sending a meeting invite out?

Todd Pedersen, General Manager
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Good morning Mr. Pedersen-

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately I will be out this afternoon and all day June 2nd.

Could we do June 5th or 6th? My schedule is wide open.

How does Tuesday at 10am June 6th work for you?

We use Microsoft TEAMS for our conference calls.

Hopefully, that would be sufficient for you and your staff. We look forward to hearing back from you.

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Paul we would like to setup a time to discuss these violations. Benton is available at anytime on the following dates: June 2nd, June 5th, and June 6th.

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