

Enforcement Meeting Minutes
Between City of Walnut Ridge and ADEQ
September 5, 2013
10:00 A.M. – 10:40 A.M.

Permit Number: AR0046566

AFIN: 38-00040

Present: K. Suel, C. Uyeda, R. Healey, D. Gerst, M. Barnett; Aaron Stallman, Garver Engineering; Jon Kopp, Jeremy Lewis; Walnut Ridge Wastewater

Ms. Barnett mentioned that she has not been receiving many of the City's biomonitoring DMRs. Jon Kopp explained that long distance lab analysis has caused errors due to shipping and related issues. They have recently changed labs to correct the problem.

Mr. Stallman spoke on behalf of the facility. He said he sent their last compliance report to Kevin. He explained that Jon Kopp took Lester's place. His opinion is that more has been done in the last year-and-half before. They have worked to reallocate resources and have been able to get a lot more things accomplished.

Having had Ammonia in the 10 to 30 range, they are very pleased to have it down low again. The aeration basin diffusers have been repaired as needed and one blower has been replaced. They have moved forward in keeping spare parts – mixers, pumps, etc. so that they are able to replace equipment and supplies and then reorder rather than waiting for a part to come in before a repair can be done. Mr. Suel asked if they kept spare parts on everything. Mr. Kopp said everything but diffusers. Their oxygen level was 40% - now it is at an 85-90% level. There is more oxygen in the pond and more mixing. They can now control how much wasting of bugs occurs with sludge.

Mr. Healey asked the City if they had considered proactively engaging in updating and replacing their older equipment. Mr. Kopp explained that the Biolac system would not be their system of choice. Mr. Stallman explained that the funding is not available for major changes. Mr. Healey encouraged them to apply for funds and look ahead to what needs to be done in the future.

Mr. Kopp explained that a new regional water system has gone on line. There has been some discussion of doing a regional wastewater system. The problem is mostly logistical in that the facilities need to be somewhat equivalent in order to make the system work fairly for each participant.

Walnut Ridge lift-stations have had to be brought up to standard. They will work to divert flow off of Oak Street (downtown area). The lift stations have call boxes on them now.

Mr. Healey reminded them to send in a report saying "we believe we have achieved compliance with the CAO" and what has been done to show this to be true. He told them that they would be notified by letter when the CAO is terminated. Kevin will review the report and information, and if things are appropriate, the Chief will sign a letter closing the Order which will be forwarded to the City.

Ms. Barnett told them their Ammonia is better. She did note that the sub-lethal problem may not be gone yet. She said that may require a little more watching.

Mr. Stallman noted that the collection system is still affecting flow. He said they were planning to do some smoke testing to help with I & I. The downtown area will be a significant place to make changes. SSO's and the WWTF both need to be addressed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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MEETING ATTENDANCE

DATE: 9-5-13

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