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RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0020117 AFIN 69-00011

Dear Ms. Porter;

This is in reference to the letter from you on August 3, 2015 about compliance issues. The violations listed for BOD, Fecal Coliform and Total Nitrogen, Ammonia should be resolved as soon as the construction of the Digester is complete and up and running. The Contract for the Digester was let July 28, 2015 with a 30 day setup period and 90 days for completion weather permitting. Once this has been done and the system has time to adjust, we certainly hope this will bring us back into compliance.

The violation on January 31, 2015 on BOD was due to the digester issue where we have an anaerobic digester. Once construction on the digester is completed it will be changed to an aerobic digester which should bring the City back into compliance.

The violation on May 31, 2015 for Fecal Coliform was due to over 12.8 inches of rainfall we received for the month. We hope this will be a onetime violation once rainfall is back to a more normal range.

The Sanitary Sewer Overflows a lot of it is due to large amounts of rainfall we have received some for extended periods of time. We have also been rehabbing manholes in our collection system since 2012, about 454 manholes with ninety percent of those being repaired, which some have been smoke tested again with no problems noted. We hope this will help with the inflow and infiltration we are receiving. We have also addressed around 100 customer's service lines that we found to be an issue and fixed those. We are continuing to work in those areas as time permits and manpower is available. We have done smoke testing on most of the collection system before repairs and also afterwards. We will continue the rehab on manholes until all have been completed. We definitely want to get back into compliance. As you know we have been in some type of construction phase since 2012 which may have contributed to some of the compliance issues noted.

The City's plan of action is to get the construction on the digester completed and back into operation, to continue with the manhole rehab work. We will continue to address customer service lines also until all are completed. The City is looking at the middle of February 2016 for the completion of the Digester to be up and operating, again weather permitting to have these violations resolved and all back into compliance.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Sincerely, 

Roger Gardner, Mayor City of Mountain View