From: <u>Gilliam, Allen</u>
To: <u>Blanton, Chuck</u>

Cc: Don O"Neal (wynnewater45@yahoo.com); rex robbins ftn; Burrow, Kealey; Ramsey, David

Subject: AR0021903\_Mueller ARP000036 cessation of wastewater discharge to Wynne and closing Pretreatment

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**Date:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:46:20 PM

## Thanks Chuck,

I will close Mueller's NPDES Pretreatment Tracking # and file if you are absolutely sure Mueller will never discharge regulated wastewater to the City of Wynne. The allocation of Wynne's Max Allowable Industrial Loading (MAIL) for Cu has been determined.

If Mueller decides in the future to re-start any Cu Forming operations and discharge to the City, the majority of Cu's MAIL may have been given to another potential Cu plating company in town possibly placing very restrictive Cu limits on Mueller (more restrictive than allowed under the Cu Forming standards in 40 CFR 468).

If you're knowledgeable about this and Mueller accepts this possibility (which your discourse below seems to state), I will close out Mueller's file effective today, 9/3/15.

This office does not wish to downplay Mueller's decision to cease Cu Forming operations and wastewater discharges to the City, but only wants to be very clear about the ramifications.

It has been a pleasure working with you and Mike regarding Mueller's operations in Wynne.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Blanton, Chuck [mailto:CBlanton@MuellerIndustries.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 10:04 PM

To: Gilliam, Allen

Subject: RE: Mueller wastewater

Allen

I wanted to follow up with you on the questions you raised late last week and earlier this week.

The casting operations at Mueller Copper Tube Products, Inc. will not be re-built and no casting operations will be performed.

The press will remain idle for the foreseeable future. There are no plans for the press to go into production again unless there is an emergency situation (press catastrophically fails in Fulton). Even then, wastewater will be not discharged to the city of Wynne sewer system. It will be hauled off by

a third party.

The only remaining copper operations will be the re-draw operations, which I referred to earlier, utilizing tubes which have already been extruded and drawn at the Fulton facility.

If pressure is put to bear and the allocation needs to be provided to EAKAS, Mueller will not object.

I hope this sort of helps you understand where Mueller stands. I can get you something "official" if required but I hope this will be sufficient.

As always, I appreciate your patience and helpfulness in this. You have been a tremendous help in all of this for a long time. I really appreciate it.

If I can provide further information, please let me know.

Chuck