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Department of Environmental Quality

August 12, 2011

Mr. Jeff Wages
Syrgis Performance Initiators, Inc.
334 Phillips 311 Road
Helena, AR 72342-9033

Re: Syrgis 2011 August Semi-Annual Pretreatment Report
(Tracking Number: ARP001013 AFIN: 54-00429 City of Helena NPDES No.: AR0043389)

Dear Mr. Wages:

The Department has reviewed Syrgis' August 2011 semi-annual report. In accordance with the terms in the Department's letter dated August 6, 2010, Syrgis appears to have violated the calculated effluent limit for zinc. The calculated limit for zinc is 132 µg/l and Syrgis reported 157 µg/l. Syrgis' stormwater enters the same treatment pond as the process wastewater. Syrgis sampled the effluent from this pond.

Syrgis must sample only the process wastewater to verify compliance with the limits in 40 CFR 414.85 (Sub Part H). In accordance with 40 CFR 414.111(b), since Syrgis does not have a lead or zinc bearing waste stream listed in Appendix A, Syrgis must comply with the lead and zinc limits shown in the Department letter dated August 6, 2010. To verify compliance Syrgis must sample the process wastewater before it enters the pond and commingles with the stormwater. Syrgis' process wastewater enters the pond in three different lines. Syrgis must sample each line and may take grab samples (in lieu of flow proportional sampling). Syrgis may composite the three samples in proportion to flow and submit only the one composite sample to the lab for analysis. Please resample for zinc and submit the new results for zinc to the Department within thirty days of receiving this letter or by September 30, 2011 (whichever comes first).

The Department encourages Syrgis to continue sampling the potable water from time to time to document current levels. If Syrgis has concerns or requires more details, please contact Rufus Torrence at (501) 682-0626 or torrence@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Rufus J. Torrence, Water Division Engineer

Encl: ADEQ Letters dated 9-4-2009 and 8-6-2010



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September 4, 2009

Mr. Jeff Wages
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Re: Syrgis (Tracking Number: ARP001013 AFIN: 54-00429) Pretreatment Inspection

Dear Mr. Wages:

On July 15, 2009 the Department pretreatment staff conducted a sampling inspection of the Syrgis Helena facility. The Department appreciates Syrgis' efforts and time in assisting with the inspection. Please find enclosed the pretreatment inspection report. Please review the report and let the Department know if Syrgis finds any errors. Also enclosed is the Department lab analysis from the collected sample. The Department's lab analysis shows zinc at 0.615 mg/l and lead at 0.025 mg/l in the effluent entering the Helena POTW. In the past Syrgis has not tested for lead. Please note that Syrgis must test the effluent for ALL regulated parameters including lead.

In previous correspondence, the Department considered adjusting Syrgis' limits to allow for dilution (Syrgis combines sanitary wastewater with regulated wastewater). Syrgis declared that the Helena facility does not contain a metal bearing stream listed in Appendix A in 40 CFR 414. Since the only parameters detected in the effluent are metals, 40 CFR 403.6(e) is not applicable and Syrgis must demonstrate that these metals enter the facility in the intake potable water.

At this time Syrgis appears to have no processes which contribute zinc to the wastewater. The zinc in the effluent may be entering with the intake water and may be simply passing through the plant unaltered. Before the Department makes a final determination, please sample the intake water on a calendar quarterly basis for a period of one year. The attached analysis may serve as the required analysis for the July- Sep 2009 quarter. Syrgis must sample (only zinc and lead) the intake water for three additional quarters (Oct- Dec 2009, Jan- Mar 2010 & April - May 2010). If these sampling results confirm that the zinc and lead are in the intake water, Syrgis will not be required to sample the intake water in the future.

In accordance with 40 CFR 403.15, Syrgis can take credit for the metals in the intake water. For the February 2010 report, Syrgis' effluent must not exceed by 20% the highest previous potable metal concentrations. The contract lab must use **EPA Method 200.8** instead of Method 200.7.

Syrgis has two options for future reports:

Option 1: Syrgis may discontinue all testing of the drinking water after May 2010. Syrgis metal concentrations in the effluent must not exceed by 20% the highest previous reported metal potable concentration. If Syrgis reports a concentration higher than this value or an ADEQ lab report shows a value higher than this value, the Department will deem that Syrgis has violated the 40CFR414 categorical pretreatment standard for zinc or lead.

Option 2: If the metal concentration in the effluent remains consistently higher than the metal concentration in the intake water, Syrgis may actually have a process which contributes metals to the wastewater. According to 40 CFR 414.85 (b), "the Control Authority [the Department] on a case-by-case basis" can identify "additional process wastewater streams...as metal or cyanide bearing" streams. Syrgis may petition the Department to have a particular metal bearing stream(s) designated as a 40 CFR 414 metal bearing stream. If the petition is successful, the 40 CFR 414 zinc limits (1.05 & 2.61 mg/l) and lead limits (0.32 & 0.69 mg/l) would be applicable to Syrgis' effluent.

Please note that under Option 1, Syrgis currently has violations for 40 CFR 414 pretreatment standards for lead and zinc. These violations may be mitigated by future intake water analyses.

Please note that before the Department considers Option 2, Syrgis must demonstrate that a BMP (Best Management Practices) will not significantly impact "non-process" sources of zinc and lead.

If Syrgis has concerns or requires more details, please contact Rufus Torrence at (501) 682-0626 or torrence@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

Rufus J. Torrence, Water Division Engineer

Encl: Pretreatment Inspection Report dated July 15, 2009
ADEQ Lab Report 2009-1761
Syrgis (Rineco 9094) Lab Report
EPA Local Limits Development Guidance Appendices; Appendix V Domestic Pollutant Loading



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August 6, 2010

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Re: Syrgis 2010 August Semi-Annual Pretreatment Report
(Tracking Number: ARP001013 AFIN: 54-00429 City of Helena NPDES No.: AR0043389)

Dear Mr. Wages:

The Department has reviewed Syrgis' August 2010 semi-annual report. This report contained both categorical and additional sampling data required by the Department's letter dated September 4, 2009. A copy of this letter is attached for Syrgis' convenience.

In the September 4, 2009 letter the Department decided not to adjust Syrgis' limits for dilution because the August 2009 report showed no regulated organic parameters were detected in the effluent. However, the March (February) 2009 and 2010 semi-annual reports indicated benzene in the effluent. The August 2010 report listed benzene non-detect at <1.00 µg/l.

In reference to the telephone conversation (Torrence and Wages) on February 22, 2010, Syrgis appears to have no processes which contribute zinc to the wastewater. In reference to the Department's letter dated September 4, 2009, find this option:

Option 1: Syrgis may discontinue all testing of the drinking water after May 2010. Syrgis metal concentrations in the effluent must not exceed by 20% the highest previous reported metal potable concentration. If Syrgis reports a concentration higher than this value or an ADEQ lab report shows a value higher than this value, the Department will deem that Syrgis has violated the 40CFR414 categorical pretreatment standard for zinc or lead.

Syrgis reported the following concentrations of lead and zinc in the intake water:

Date	Lead	Zinc
08-10-2009	< 40 µg/l	89 µg/l
11-02-2009	48 µg/l	23000 µg/l
01-14-2010	2.25 µg/l	66.6 µg/l
07-07-2010	4.20 µg/l	112 µg/l

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Find attached Appendix V – Domestic Pollutant Loadings from EPA Local Limits Development Guidance Appendices (EPA 833-R-04-002B). EPA sampled 638 residential/commercial trunklines (sewer lines) throughout the USA. Even though the drinking water had been contaminated by residential/commercial plumbing, the maximum reported concentration was only 1280 µg/l. Therefore, the Department has concluded that the 23000 µg/l of zinc is an “outlier” caused by lab error or inadvertent contamination. Note also that the average value reported by EPA was 231 µg/l. The EPA average is comparable to the 112 µg/l of zinc reported by Syrgis.

In accordance with Option 1 above, Syrgis limits for Lead and Zinc are:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lead} &\Rightarrow 48 + 48 \times 0.2 = 48 + 9.6 = 57.6 \mu\text{g/l} \\ \text{Zinc} &\Rightarrow 112 + 112 \times 0.2 = 112 + 22.4 = 134.4 \mu\text{g/l}\end{aligned}$$

The Department appreciates Syrgis’ assistance with determining these limits.

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Sincerely,

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Encl: ADEQ Letter dated 9-4-2009