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From: Gilliam, Allen
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 9:00 AM
To: 'Bernie K. Finch'
Cc: Colleen Tuggle; Jeff Farrar; 'mwws@sbcglobal.net'; Gage, Hannah; Yates, Adam; McWilliams, Carrie; Leamons, Bryan
Subject: AR0043613_Southern Aluminum ARP001059 Sept 2016 change of wastewater discharge request to haul regulated wastewater offsite response_20161004

Bernie, et. al.,

Apologies for the late response.

Via phone conversations yesterday with Magnolia's Wastewater Manager, Russell Thomas, it was agreed your proposal cited below was acceptable with the following stipulations:

- 1) Submit a copy of the bill of lading (which should show volume and final disposal site) to this office and Russell Thomas each time contents of the wash or dip tank is hauled off-site to Rineco; and
- 2) Southern Aluminum will now include in Section (3)B. "Description of Operations, Changes" a statement something to the effect, "Contents of the 2,050 gallon Wash Tank and the 1,000 gallon Dip Tank are being hauled off-site and disposed of properly by Rineco of Benton, Arkansas on an as needed basis. All bills of lading have been submitted to the appropriate authorities".

What frequency do you anticipate for the wash tank's emptying/disposal?

Thank you for this advance notification of proposed wastewater discharge change.

Sincerely,

Allen Gilliam
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cc: Russell Thomas, City of Magnolia Wastewater Manager

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From: Bernie K. Finch [<mailto:bkfinch@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 3:08 PM
To: Gilliam, Allen
Cc: Colleen Tuggle; Jeff Farrar; Bernie K. Finch
Subject: Southern Aluminum Company, Permit Number ARP001059

Allen,

As you may remember Southern Aluminum Company in Magnolia, Arkansas discharges core and ancillary process water from tanks to the City of Magnolia POTW.

There are three tanks onsite used in the production process:

1. Wash Tank (2050 gallon capacity)

2. Rinse (832 gallon capacity)
3. Dip (1000 gallon capacity)

As agreed between Southern Aluminum, ADEQ and the City of Magnolia, the wash tank and the rinse tank have been discharging to the City once every two weeks with the City being notified 48 hours prior to each event with the combined waste stream analyzed for 40 CFR 433.17 PSNS metals and cyanide once every six months (January - June and July - December) of each year. The dip tank seldom discharges to the City, however, it is understood that it is also a regulated waste stream.

As per the agreement a sample is taken of the combined waste streams with the sample analyzed by an ADEQ certified laboratory (Environmental Services Company of Little Rock) at a minimum frequency of once every six months. Draining the wash tank once every two weeks causes a significant disruption in production. Southern Aluminum is exploring ways to avoid this costly downtime caused by taking the wash tank out of operation.

Southern Aluminum would like to propose that only the rinse tank discharge to the City of Magnolia collection system with process water from the wash tank and the dip tank be transported to Rineco in Benton, Arkansas for treatment/destruction. Historically, process water in the rinse tank has shown only trace or non-detectable amounts of 40 CFR 433.17 metals and cyanide. The last rinse tank analysis yielded a concentration (of zinc) of 0.03 mg/l, well below the monthly average limit of 1.48 mg/l for zinc.

The waste stream of concern has been the wash tank. This (wash tank) waste stream would be transported and handled by Rineco of Benton, AR under this proposal as would the contents of the dip tank when it became necessary to empty the dip tank.

Rinse tank water must be kept pristine in the process to produce a high quality product demanded by the market. This (rinse tank) water would be discharged to the City collection system twice per week with a sample taken each six month period with a semi-annual report submitted to ADEQ on or before June 30 and December 31 of each year. The City would be notified prior to each discharge (same as before).

Please review this proposal and indicate whether or not ADEQ would be amenable to it at your earliest convenience. We would certainly be willing to place this proposal in writing to be signed by the cognizant official at Southern Aluminum Company prior to transmittal to ADEQ.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bernie K. Finch

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