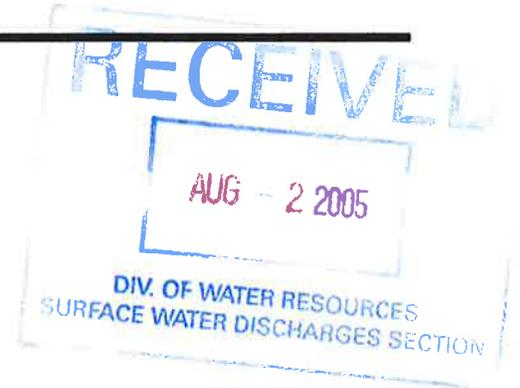


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Friday, July 29, 2005

Mr. Allen McCloskey
State of Delaware
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Division of Water Resources
89 Kings Highway
Dover, Delaware 19901



RE: Chlorine Residual Violation

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

This letter is to provide written confirmation of the voicemail left on July 28, 2005 regarding a chlorine residual violation at the Allen Family Foods wastewater facility in Harbeson, Delaware. The grab sample taken at approximately 8:20 a.m. on July 28, 2005 showed a chlorine residual of .05 mg/L. The limit is non-detectable.

I immediately went to the bisulfite feed system to investigate the situation. I found that the suction tube was lodged against the side of the tank not allowing bisulfite to be pumped in sufficient quantity to dechlorinate the flow stream. To rectify the problem a strainer was installed at end of the suction side of the tube that will prevent the intake from being lodged against the tank.

On July 29, 2005 another grab sample was collected at approximately 8:25 a.m., the total chlorine residual was 0.07 mg/L. Adjustments were immediately made to the bisulfite feed pump. The strainer that was added on the previous day has a check ball and I feel that the smaller orifice affected the flow rate.

In both instances follow up samples were collected after adjustments and were found to be at or below the estimated detection limit (0.03 mg/L) of the Hach DR/890 colorimeter. After speaking with Peter Hanson on July 29, 2005 we will begin using free chlorine checks as a process control to ensure that both disinfection in the chlorine contact chamber and dechlorination before discharge are being met.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (302) 684-1640, Ext. 184.

Very truly yours,

Michael Hall
Wastewater Manager