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Monday, August 15, 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: pH Violation

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

This letter is to provide written confirmation of the conversation with Chris Cleaver regarding a pH violation at the Allen Family Foods wastewater facility in Harbeson, Delaware. The grab samples were taken at approximately 12:00 a.m. on August 14 and 8:45 a.m. on August 15, both showed pH values of 5.5 S.U.. The lower limit is 6.0 S.U..

We are attempting to address the effluent flow rates by increasing the number of days that the wastewater plant operates. This has allowed us to increase CMAS recycle to the anoxic ponds which has decreased the total flow discharged to 001. Many of the automated systems to regulate chemical feed have been removed by previous management and we are manually adjusting the pump settings until they can be replaced. The clarifier aluminum chloride feed was slightly too high to match the decrease in effluent flow which we feel contributed to the pH violations. We decreased the clarifier aluminum chloride to match effluent flow rates, pH began to rise above 6 S.U.. Any adjustments that are made to caustic feed have a delay since the injection point is at the DAF effluent line.

We have a contractor coming in to set up an automated system to regulate the pH of the final effluent. This work is scheduled to be completed this week.

Very truly yours,



Michael Hall
Wastewater Manager

