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HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

FISCHER FARM MONITORING REPORT

FOR THIRD QUARTER 2023:

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Dear Ms. Siders:

Subject: Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant - Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Permit No. 2022-SC-66896, Special Condition 2 Monitoring Report for July, August, and September 2023

The attached table contains the monitoring data for the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Fischer Farm site for July, August, and September 2023, as required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Operating Permit No. 2022-SC-66896, Special Condition 2. Analytical data for well water samples collected during the quarter are presented in Table 1.

Based on the investigation of historical high levels of ammonia nitrogen (NH_3-N) plus nitrite+nitrate nitrogen (NO_2^-+NO_3^--N) in Well 7 during past monitoring, it appears that the source of these high levels is seepage from adjacent lagoons and subsurface drainage associated with supernatant application, both of which have high NH_3-N levels. Since implementing management practices to reduce the loading in adjacent lagoons and stop all applications of supernatant and biosolids in the closest farm field (Field 7), NH_3-N plus NO_2^-+NO_3^--N in Well 7 has shown a decreasing trend. We will continue to implement these practices and evaluate this trend.

The data reported are as follows:

Table 1 Analysis of Water From Monitoring Wells W-5, W-6, W-7, and W-8 at the Hanover Park Fischer Farm Site Sampled in September 2023.

Figure 1 Map of Fields and Wells at the Hanover Park Fischer Farm Site of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Very truly yours,

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TABLE 1: ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM MONITORING WELLS W-5, W-6, W-7, AND W-8 AT THE HANOVER PARK FISCHER FARM SITE SAMPLED IN SEPTEMBER 2023[1]

	Unit	W-5	W-6	W-7	W-8
pH[2]		8.1	7.8	7.9	8.3
EC	mS m^{-1}	73	73	47	57
Cl^-	mg L^{-1}	18	15	27	11
SO_4^{2-}	"	100	115	72	63
Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$	"	314	299	134	263
TKN	"	<1.0	<1.0	1.3	<1.0
NH_3-N	"	<0.30	<0.30	0.71	0.34
NO_2^-+NO_3^--N	"	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
Total P	"	<0.15	<0.15	0.17	<0.15
Cd	"	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002
Cr	"	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004
Cu	"	0.024	0.176	0.004	0.003
Fe	"	3.5	21	6.4	0.91
Mn	"	0.036	0.132	0.228	0.021
Ni	"	<0.002	0.005	0.005	<0.002
Zn	"	<0.01	0.057	0.047	<0.01

[1]Sampled on September 5, 2023.
[2]pH was measured beyond 15-minute holding time.

FIGURE 1: MAP OF FIELDS AND WELLS AT THE HANOVER PARK FISCHER FARM SITE OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO