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DEPARTMENT***

***REPORT NO. 23-40***

***HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT***

***FISCHER FARM MONITORING REPORT***

***FOR THIRD QUARTER 2023:***

***SPECIAL CONDITION 4***

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October 23, 2023

Ms. Catherine Siders  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
DWPC Compliance Section #19  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9274

Dear Ms. Siders:

Subject: Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Permit No. 2022-SC-66896, Special Condition 4 Monitoring Report for July, August, and September 2023–Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)

This Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) is to report analyses of biosolids applied to 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 4. We are currently unable to submit this report to the NetDMR system as directed in Special Condition 4, as this permit number is not yet available in the NetDMR system per communication with IEPA staff.

The analytical data for lagoon supernatant applied to Hanover Park WRP Fischer Farm fields during September 2023 are presented in the attached DMR.

Very truly yours,



Albert E. Cox, Ph.D.  
Environmental Monitoring and Research Manager  
Monitoring and Research Department

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Attachment  
cc: Mr. J. Patel, Manager, IEPA – Des Plaines  
Mr. T. Bennett, IEPA  
Mr. B. Fleming, IEPA  
Mr. K. Middleton, USEPA, Region 5  
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### General Instructions

1. If form has been partially completed by preprinting, disregard instructions directed at entry of that information already preprinted.
2. Enter "*Permittee Name/Mailing Address* (and facility name/location, if different)," "Permit Number," and "Discharge Number" where indicated. (A separate form is required for each discharge.)
3. Enter dates beginning and ending "*Monitoring Period*" covered by form where indicated.
4. Enter each "*Parameter*" as specified in monitoring requirements of permit.
5. Enter "*Sample Measurement*" data for each parameter under "*Quantity*" and "*Quality*" in units specified in permit. "*Average*" is normally arithmetic average (geometric average for bacterial parameters) of all sample measurements for each parameter obtained during "*Monitoring Period*"; "*Maximum*" and "*Minimum*" are normally extreme high and low measurements obtained during "*Monitoring Period*." (Note to municipals with secondary treatment requirement: Enter 30-day average of sample measurements under "*Average*," and enter maximum 7-day average of sample measurements obtained during monitoring period under "*Maximum*.")
6. Enter "*Permit Requirement*" for each parameter under "*Quantity*" and "*Quality*" as specified in permit.
7. Under "*No Ex*" enter number of sample measurements during monitoring period that exceed maximum (and/or minimum or 7-day average as appropriate) permit requirement for each parameter. If none, enter "0."
8. Enter "*Frequency of Analysis*" both as "*Sample Measurement*" (actual frequency of sampling and analysis used during monitoring period) and as "*Permit Requirement*" specified in permit. (e.g., Enter "*Cont*," for continuous monitoring, "*1/7*" for one day per week, "*1/30*" for one day per month, "*1/90*" for one day per quarter, etc.)
9. Enter "*Sample Type*" both as "*Sample Measurement*" (actual sample type used during monitoring period) and as "*Permit Requirement*," (e.g., Enter "*Grab*" for individual sample, "*24HC*" for 24-hour composite, "*N/A*" for continuous monitoring, etc.)
10. Where violations of permit requirements are reported, attach a brief explanation to describe cause and corrective actions taken, and reference each violation by date.
11. If "*no discharge*" occurs during monitoring period, enter "No Discharge" across form in place of data entry.
12. Enter "*Name/Title of Principal Executive Officer*" with "*Signature of Principal Officer of Authorized Agent*," "*Telephone Number*," and "*Date*" at bottom of form.
13. Mail signed Report to Office(s) by date(s) specified in permit. Retain copy for your records.
14. More detailed instructions for use of this *Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)* form may be obtained from Office(s) specified in permit.

### Legal Notice

This report is required by law (33 U.S.C. 1318; 40 C.F.R. 125.27). Failure to report or failure to report truthfully can result in civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per day of violation; or in criminal penalties not to exceed \$25,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

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2022-SC-66896 Special Condition 4

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Chicago, Illinois 60611

PERMIT NUMBER

DISCHARGE NUMBER


FACILITY Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant  
Fischer Farm Site

LOCATION 1220 Sycamore Avenue  
Hanover Park, Illinois 60133

MONITORING PERIOD						
FROM			TO			
YEAR	MO	DAY	YEAR	MO	DAY	
2023	07	01	2023	09	30	

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PARAMETER	SAMPLE PERMIT REQUIREMENT	QUANTITY OR LOADING			QUALITY OR CONCENTRATION				NO. EX	FREQUENCY OF ANALYSIS	SAMPLE TYPE
		AVERAGE	MAXIMUM	UNITS	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	MAXIMUM	UNITS			
pH	SAMPLE				8.0	8.1	8.1		0	2	Grab <sup>1</sup>
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS <sup>2</sup>
% Total solids (by weight)	SAMPLE				0.20	0.21	0.22	%	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
% Volatile solids (% of total solids)	SAMPLE				65.7	67.9	70.2	%	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Volatile acids	SAMPLE				<5	<5	<5	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen	SAMPLE				791	797	802	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Ammonia nitrogen	SAMPLE				721	733	745	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Total phosphorus	SAMPLE				107	108	110	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS

NAME/TITLE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER  Albert Cox  TYPED OR PRINTED	I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.		TELEPHONE		DATE		
			708	588-4068	2023	10	23
		SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT	AREA	NUMBER	YEAR	MO	DAY

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		AVERAGE	MAXIMUM	UNITS	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	MAXIMUM	UNITS			
Cadmium	SAMPLE				<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	mg/L	0	2	Grab <sup>1</sup>
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS <sup>2</sup>
Chromium	SAMPLE				<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Copper	SAMPLE				0.089	0.092	0.094	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Manganese	SAMPLE				0.345	0.357	0.368	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Nickel	SAMPLE				0.039	0.040	0.042	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Lead	SAMPLE				0.002	0.002	0.002	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS
Zinc	SAMPLE				0.178	0.183	0.189	mg/L	0	2	Grab
	PERMIT REQUIREMENT				N/A	N/A	N/A			1 / 90	NS

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