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Dear Ms. Siders:

**Subject:** Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area - Stickney Water Reclamation Plant,  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Permit No. 2020-AO-64903,  
Monitoring Report for July, August, and September 2023

The attached tables contain the monitoring data for the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area for July, August, and September 2023, as required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit No. 2020-AO-64903. Biosolids were placed in the solids drying area in July, August, and September 2023.

Table 1: Analysis of Water from Monitoring Wells M-11 through M-15 at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area Sampled on September 18, 2023.

Table 2: Analysis of Water from Lysimeters L-1N through L-9N at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area Sampled on August 1, 2023.

Table 3: Analysis of Biosolids Placed in the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area During July, August, and September 2023.

Very truly yours,



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TABLE 1: ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM MONITORING WELLS M-11 THROUGH M-15  
 AT THE LAWDALE AVENUE SOLIDS MANAGEMENT AREA SAMPLED ON  
 SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Parameter	Monitoring Well No.				
	M-11	M-12	M-13	M-14	M-15
pH	7.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.3
	-----mg L <sup>-1</sup> -----				
Cl <sup>-</sup>	25	15	10	10	9
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	190	349	655	128	814
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> +NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50

TABLE 2: ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM LYSIMETERS L-1N THROUGH L-9N AT THE  
LAWNDAL AVENUE SOLIDS MANAGEMENT AREA SAMPLED ON  
AUGUST 1, 2023

Parameter	Lysimeter No.								
	L-1N	L-2N	L-3N	L-4N	L-5N	L-6N	L-7N	L-8N	L-9N
pH	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.3
	-----mg L <sup>-1</sup> -----								
Cl <sup>-</sup>	19	193	140	18	534	89	317	528	310
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	813	184	46	1,214	1,613	1,396	<1.0	180	147
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> +NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N	0.61	1.2	0.73	0.63	<0.50	0.82	1.1	0.75	<0.50

TABLE 3: ANALYSIS OF BIOSOLIDS PLACED IN THE LAWNSDALE AVENUE SOLIDS MANAGEMENT AREA DURING JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2023

Parameter	July	August	September
pH	7.7	7.8	7.6
	-----%		
Total Solids	13.3	10.7	16.0
Total Volatile Solids <sup>1</sup>	44.0	43.5	41.7

<sup>1</sup>Total volatile solids as a percentage of total solids.