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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

September 29, 2020

Mr. Jason Williams
Operations and Maintenance Manager
San Jacinto River Authority
2436 Sawdust Road
The Woodlands, Texas 77380-2702
via email

Re: Compliance Evaluation and Complaint Investigation at:
The Woodlands Wastewater Treatment Facility No. 1
2436 Sawdust Road, The Woodlands (Montgomery County), Texas 77380
Regulated Entity No.: RN101513273, TCEQ ID No.: WQ0011401001,
EPA ID No.: TX0054186, Investigation No.: 1663578

Dear Mr. Williams:

On July 16, 2020, August 13, 2020, August 20, 2020, and August 25, 2020, Mr. Jack Coleman and Mr. Justin Dockal, Environmental Investigators of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Houston Region Office, conducted investigations of the above-referenced regulated entity to evaluate compliance with applicable requirements for water quality. No violations are being alleged as a result of the investigation; however, please see the enclosed additional issues.

The TCEQ appreciates your assistance in this matter and your compliance efforts to ensure protection of the State's environment. If you or members of your staff have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact Jack Coleman in the Houston Region Office at (713) 767-3774 or Mr. Justin Dockal at (713) 767-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Hudson".

Priscilla Hudson
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Water Section Team Leader
Houston Region 12

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cc: Mr. Rick Moore, Utility Operations Superintendent
2436 Sawdust Road
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Enclosures: Summary of Investigation Findings

Summary of Investigation Findings

WOODLANDS

2436 SAWDUST RD

THE WOODLANDS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TX 77380

Investigation #

1663578

Investigation Date: 07/14/2020

Additional ID(s): WQ0011401001
TX0054186

No Violations Associated to this Investigation

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

Description

Item 1

Additional Comments

Steps should continue to be taken to properly mitigate odors from the wastewater treatment facility going off-site.

The SJRA is in the process of studying the area in order to address potential odors issues. The SJRA continues to provide updates to the TCEQ.

Was the permittee compliant with the self-monitored effluent limits?

There have been two (2) self-reported effluent violations in the last 12 months. The 2-hour peak flow for Outfall 001 was exceeded during the monitoring period ending July 2019 and September 2019. The 2-hour peak flow during the monitoring period ending July 2019 was 13007 gallons per minute (4% above the 2-hour peak of 12500 gallons per minute), and 17556 gallons per minute (40% above the 2-hour peak of 12500 gallons per minute) for the monitoring period ending September 2019.

Self-reported effluent violations may be subject to enforcement, including penalties, upon review by the Enforcement Division. Steps should be taken to ensure compliance with the permitted effluent limitations.