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HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

FISCHER FARM MONITORING REPORT

FOR SECOND QUARTER 2024

SPECIAL CONDITION 2

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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 April, May, and June 2024

The attached table contains the monitoring data for the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Fischer Farm site for April, May, and June 2024, 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, but with some significant fluctuation. 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 May 2024.

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 MAY 2024[1]

	Unit	W-5	W-6	W-7	W-8
pH[2]		8.0	7.8	8.0	8.3
EC	mS m^{-1}	74	74	76	55
Cl^-	mg L^{-1}	18	16	20	10
SO_4^{2-}	"	97	114	115	53
Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$	"	310	296	295	251
TKN	"	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00
NH_3-N	"	<0.30	0.36	0.33	0.44
NO_2^-+NO_3^--N	"	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500
Total P	"	<0.15	0.53	<0.15	<0.15
Cd	"	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002
Cr	"	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004
Cu	"	0.024	0.092	0.011	<0.002
Fe	"	3.13	19.16	3.4	0.47
Mn	"	0.031	0.128	0.048	0.018
Ni	"	<0.002	0.003	<0.002	<0.002
Zn	"	<0.010	0.018	<0.010	0.010

[1]Sampled on May 21, 2024.
[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