



To Regional Water Quality Control Board:

This letter is in regard to the first draft of our NPDES that is set for review soon. We would like to request one change to the draft regarding continuous monitoring of our effluent turbidity. Our main concern lies with the cost for the City to set up continuous results into our SCADA system for reporting. For this to happen we would be required to hire an outside service engineer to make changes to our program that would allow these results to be recorded in a format that is compatible to our PET tool for reporting to the Regional Water Board. We are currently in the middle of several grant studies to make improvements to our collection system and retention pond located at the treatment facility. We are doing everything we can to save money that can go toward possible improvements in these areas in the future. We have never had an issue with our turbidity results in the past, and we do report continuous UV Transmittance each month which is closely tied to our turbidity. We have no issue with continuing to report turbidity results as they are written in our current permit. This request is simply to ask that how we record and report turbidity remains the same instead of the proposed change.

City manager Jay Parrish and I would like to emphasize that we are very pleased with all of the other changes made to our next permit and appreciate the efforts made from Cathleen Goodwin to help implement the proposed changes. We are also open to any further discussion or clarification of our request or for any other topics in the permit. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Coppini  
Chief Plant Operator