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Dear Mr. Coulter:

RE: FEBRUARY 2010 MONITORING REPORTS FOR THE WEST END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE LICENCE NO. 2669 E RR, THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE LICENCE NO. 2684 RRR AND THE SOUTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE LICENCE NO. 2716 R

Attached please find the February 2010 Monitoring Reports for Licence No. 2669 E RR issued for the City of Winnipeg West End Water Pollution Control Centre (WEWPCC), Licence No. 2684 RRR issued for the City of Winnipeg North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) and Licence No. 2716 R issued for the City of Winnipeg South End Water Pollution Control Centre (SEWPCC).

Please note that the flows were reported incorrectly in the South End Water Pollution Control Centre for January 2010. The changes have been made and the revised report is attached for your records. We will be updating the archive information on our website.

Please note the following respecting the report for Licence #2669 E RR:

1. We are pleased to report that the ammonia results have met the limit set in the licence. The total nitrogen thirty-day rolling average met the limit set in the licence in February. The total phosphorus thirty-day rolling average met the limit set in the licence in February.
2. There were no 24 hour composite samples on February 8 and 9 due to a sampler malfunction.
3. The cBOD5 licence limit was met in February.
4. The TSS results met the limit set in the licence in February.
5. There was no sample for fecal coliform and E.coli on February 9 due to a technician error. We are pleased to report that during the month of February the fecal coliform and E. coli results met the limits set in the licence.

Please note the following respecting the report for Licence #2684 RRR:

1. The BOD5 results were in excess of the 30 mg/L limit in the licence every day but 7 days in February. On February 22, the BOD5 and cBOD5 results were high and the cause for these high values is unknown. As indicated in earlier monitoring submissions, we have shown that these high results may be due to nitrification occurring. The BOD5 average result for February did not meet the limit set in the licence.

2. The TSS results were in excess of the 30 mg/L limit in the licence on 5 days in February. The cause for these high values is unknown. The TSS average result for February met the limit set in the licence.
3. There was no sample for fecal coliform and E.coli on February 9 due to a technician error. During the month of February, the geometric mean for the E. coli results met the limit set in the licence. The fecal coliform value did not meet the licence limit this month. The plant has been experiencing some operational issues and we hope to have them resolved in the near future.

Please note the following respecting the report for Licence #2716 R:

1. The BOD5 result was in excess of the 30 mg/L limit in the licence on 2 days in February. The cBOD5 and TOC results on those days were low. The BOD5 average result for February met the limit set in the licence.
2. The TSS results for February met the limit set in the licence.
3. We are pleased to report that during the month of February the fecal coliform and E. coli results met the limits set in the licence.

As mentioned in previous submissions, the City has requested that the Province change the present "daily not to exceed" BOD5 and TSS limits in the licences to monthly or running 30 day average limits. This request is under consideration by Manitoba Conservation.

The city has also requested that the Province eliminate the BOD5 test. This test is not a valid test procedure for final effluent and should not be used for compliance assessment purposes. It is important to recognize that under certain conditions, the City of Winnipeg's wastewater treatment plants experience nitrifying activity. Under such conditions the BOD5 will continue to exceed the limits from time to time. The city has requested that the BOD5 test be replaced with the carbonaceous BOD5 test.

Please let me know of any concerns or questions respecting this submission. I may be reached at the above address, by telephone at 986-4807 or by email at kkjartanson@winnipeg.ca.

Thanks for your ongoing cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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