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HARLEM AVENUE SOLIDS MANAGEMENT AREA

MONITORING REPORT FOR

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Mr. S. Alan Keller, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Keller:

Subject: Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area - Stickney Water Reclamation Plant,
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Permit No. 2009-AO-2715-3,
Monitoring Report for April, May, and June 2014

The attached tables contain the monitoring data for the Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area for April, May, and June 2014 as required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Operating Permit No. 2009-AO-2715-3.

The data reported are as follows:

Table 1, Analysis of Water from Lysimeters L-1N1 through L-3N at the Harlem Solids Management Area Sampled on May 14, 2014.

Table 2, Analysis of Compositated Biosolids Placed in the Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area During June 2014.

Biosolids were placed in the solids drying area during June 2014. Based on the requirements of the revised IEPA permit issued on January 27, 2014, and effective immediately, analysis of biosolids removed from this site will no longer be reported under this permit. The list of parameters for lysimeter samples has also been modified to include only pH, Cl⁻, SO₄²⁻, and NO₂+NO₃-N.

Very truly yours,

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Director
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Attachment

cc w/att: Mr. J. Patel, IEPA
Records Unit, IEPA

TABLE 1: ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM LYSIMETERS L-1N1 THROUGH L-3N AT THE HARLEM AVENUE SOLIDS MANAGEMENT AREA SAMPLED ON MAY 14, 2014.

Parameter	Lysimeter No.		
	L-1N1	L-2N	L-3N
pH ¹	7.8	7.4	7.8
	----- mg L ⁻¹ -----		
Cl ⁻	99	33	135
SO ₄ ²⁻	20	1,835	121
NO ₂ +NO ₃ -N	< 0.15	0.52	< 0.15

¹pH analyzed beyond recommended holding time of 15 minutes.

TABLE 2: ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITED BIOSOLIDS PLACED IN THE HARLEM AVENUE SOLIDS MANAGEMENT DRYING AREA DURING JUNE 2014

Parameter	Analysis ¹
pH	7.6
	---- % ----
Total Solids	9.6
Total Volatile Solids ²	44

¹Mean of 5 samples.

²Total volatile solids as a percentage of total solids.