



CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

February 17th, 2023

Edwina Basilio
Environmental Compliance Specialist I
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Subject: Notice of Violation (Ammonia)
Mud Creek WWTP, NPDES Permit GA0020222
1638 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, Ga. 31606

Mrs. Basilio,

Please be advised the Mud Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was in noncompliance of our permit for weekly effluent ammonia for the week of February 12th – 18th, 2023. The weekly average for the reporting period was 4.35 mg/l, the permitted limit is 2.25 mg/l. This noncompliance is a result of oxygen levels in the aeration basins dropping below the adequate range to effectively treat influent ammonia. Blowers that provide air were ran for several hours at maximum capacity to help in the treatment of the elevated ammonia levels that entered the plant sometime in the early morning hours of February 17th, 2023.

The City's Industrial Pretreatment personnel continually monitor industries that come under the pretreatment program to find possible sources of these sporadic elevated levels. We have experienced 3 different periods of a spike in the ammonia entering the plant the past few weeks. We have documented this previously, and it seems to be an occurrence we experience at certain times of the year.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact John Waite at 229-259-3592 or jwaite@valdostacity.com

Thank you,

John Waite
City of Valdosta

Cc: Brad Eyre, Utilities Director
Cc: Kenneth Lowe, Mud Creek Superintendent

