



**CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA**  
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Edwina Basilio  
Environmental Compliance Specialist I  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
2 MLK, Jr. Dr. S.W., Suite 1462 East  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Subject: Notice of Violation  
Withlacoochee WWTP, NPDES Permit GA0033235  
3180 Wetherington Lane, Valdosta, Ga. 31603

Ms. Basilio,

Please be advised the Withlacoochee wastewater treatment plant was in noncompliance of our permitted effluent weekly average BOD (5-Day) mg/L limitation (6.0 mg/L) for the week of October 16 – October 22, 2022. During this period, we recorded a weekly average of 14.1 mg/L.

We made the decision to take SBR1 out of service and operate the plant in three basin mode. We found the decanter on SBR1 not sealing properly which would allow excessive solids to decant to the filters during the start of each decant cycle from SBR1. We are making additional process control improvements as well. We are in the process of changing the Aqua Aerobics filters on the effluent and investigating an issue with snails in the discharge line to the river. We are seeing improvements at this time and will keep you updated during this process.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact Scott Fowler, Environmental Manager, at 229-259-3592 or [sfowler@valdostacity.com](mailto:sfowler@valdostacity.com).

Thank you,

  
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Scott Fowler  
Environmental Manager  
City of Valdosta

Cc: Brad Eyre, Utilities Director

