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Subject: RE: Program Activities Suspended to due COVID-19

Hi Nancy,

Thank you for speaking with me earlier this afternoon. To summarize our conversation, we talked about how the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board's approved pretreatment program suspended its on-site SIU inspections starting in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we discussed the importance of resuming these activities in order to ensure compliance with the requirement of your approved pretreatment program and the federal regulations. Since your current pretreatment year will not end until November 30th, I recommend that the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board's approved pretreatment program conducts any remaining SIU inspections that still need to be done over the next three months. The use of teleconference and/or videoconference capabilities may be implemented in order to perform any inspections that cannot be done in person due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions or if I can be of any additional assistance, and I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,

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Good morning, everyone.

I am writing to provide notification of activities suspended due to measures implemented in response to COVID-19.

On-site inspection of facilities required under the Industrial Pretreatment Program were suspended beginning in March. The hope was we would soon be able to resume activities and we would be able to make up the lost time. Unfortunately, it does not seem the situation will improve soon. Of course, we will try to perform as many facility inspections as possible once able. However, in anticipation we may not be able to perform them, I am writing to request guidance in how this should be addressed for the Pretreatment Program Annual Report for the 2019-2020 Reporting Year. We have continued and plan to continue to monitor wastewater discharged by our industrial customers and to follow standard enforcement actions to meet requirements. I will also include the appropriate notation in the Pretreatment Annual Report to explain the low number of inspections performed. Is this acceptable?

If additional information is needed, or if a different method is preferred, please let me know. If this questions should be directed to a different person or office, please let me know. Thank you. I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

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