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To: [StevenEick](#); jpkovoor@yahoo.com; gtvann@aim.com; jack.w.schulz@gmail.com; CEO@GLWATER.org
Cc: [Laura Verona](#); STARONM@michigan.gov; ARGIROFFP@michigan.gov; LANEB@michigan.gov; ALEXANDERC2@michigan.gov; [Majid Khan](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019
Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019 4:28:03 PM

Thousands of publicly owned sewage plants have to use secondary treatment and the minimum performance is at least 85 % removal 30 mg/l BOD and same for TSS. Thus without more significant filtration a substantial portion of particles will end in surface waters. Detroit plant has no buffering capacity to hold receiving sewage and no filtration. Thus it relies on false testing say for TSS, where the detection limit 2.4 mg/l in a 1000 cc sample. Detroit uses 200 cc sample consisting only 2 mg/l of say reported 10 ppm TSS. Detroit can not use larger samples since dewatering polymer clogs up the filter. Thus we have unreliable testing and discover the presence of polymer (polyacrylamide) in effluent water. SS

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Cc: VERONAL <VERONAL@michigan.gov>; STARONM <STARONM@michigan.gov>; ARGIROFFP <ARGIROFFP@michigan.gov>; LANEb <LANEB@michigan.gov>; ALEXANDERC2 <ALEXANDERC2@michigan.gov>; Majid.Khan <Majid.Khan@glwater.org>
Sent: Fri, Oct 4, 2019 3:44 pm
Subject: Re: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

I am still waiting for real response from GLWA. I will cooperate with you for inspection visit to sewage plant, but it would have been easier if I went along. Saulius Simoliunas

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Sent: Fri, Oct 4, 2019 8:01 am
Subject: RE: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Mr. Simoliunas,

I received your voicemail on 3 OCT 19, as well as your email below requesting for arrangements to be made to visit the GLWA Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). At this time, no further action will be taken to coordinate a site visit unless the GLWA informs ELGE that a decision was made to grant your requested group access for a site visit.

If you have a specific area you would like me to look into during an NPDES compliance inspection, please identify that in an email to me and I will investigate it during my next inspection at the GLWA WRRF.

Respectfully,
Steven Eick, PE
248-302-9496

eicks@michigan.gov

From: simoliunass@netscape.net <simoliunass@netscape.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 8:03 PM
To: jpkovoor@yahoo.com; gtvann@aim.com; Eick, Steven (EGLE) <EickS@michigan.gov>; jack.w.schulz@gmail.com; ceo@glwater.org
Subject: Re: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

We want to visit GLWA sewage plant as soon as possible for both sides and we ask you to make the arrangements. Saulius Simoliunas

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Sent: Wed, Oct 2, 2019 4:14 pm
Subject: Re: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Why GLWA attorneys are afraid of our visit? It does not make any sense. Why they did not write themselves and had Magid Han pen the short note? SS

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To: jpkovoor <jpkovoor@yahoo.com>; gtvann <gtvann@aim.com>; EickS <EickS@michigan.gov>
Sent: Wed, Oct 2, 2019 3:55 pm
Subject: Re: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

I could not open GLWA letter. Please resend. SS

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From: simoliunass <simoliunass@netscape.net>
To: jpkovoor <jpkovoor@yahoo.com>; gtvann <gtvann@aim.com>
Sent: Wed, Oct 2, 2019 2:46 pm
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

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Sent: Wed, Oct 2, 2019 12:19 pm
Subject: RE: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Mr. Simoliunas and Mr. Schulz,

I have received notification from the GLWA regarding the requested site visit. I have attached the email for reference.

The GLWA has respectfully declined the request for the site visit by your group of individuals. The tentative site visit proposed for 3 OCT 19 at 10AM is cancelled, as it requires access approval from the GLWA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
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From: simoliunass@netscape.net <simoliunass@netscape.net>
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That will be enough. SS

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Sent: Wed, Sep 25, 2019 3:17 pm
Subject: RE: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Mr. Simoliunas,

Thank you, I will contact the GLWA to request a meeting/visit on that date and time.

You identified that you wished to visit the GLWA Sewage Plant. In particular, can you confirm if your interests include visiting the Sampling Location for the secondary effluent, the operational laboratory located at the GLWA Sewage Plant, and/or the Analytical Laboratory that is located offsite of the GLWA Sewage Plant but is where the Total Suspended Solids samples are analyzed? If there are other elements of the treatment system or plant operations you wish to see, please specify those as well, so I can coordinate with GLWA for this visit.

I will email you back once I receive a response from the GLWA.

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Subject: Re: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

We would like to visit GLWA sewage plant on October 3 at 10 am. Our group Jack Schulz, Jacob Kovoor and Saulius Simoliunas. Sincerely, Saulius Simoliunas

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Sent: Tue, Sep 24, 2019 9:36 am
Subject: RE: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Mr. Simoliunas,

I am the Compliance Staff from the Warren District Office that is responsible for the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Water Resource Recovery Facility's (WRRF) compliance with their NPDES Permit. Mr. Staron has asked me to coordinate with you regarding the issues you raised and your request to witness sampling and/or analysis for Total Suspended Solids at the GLWA WRRF.

If I may request additional clarity, what in particular at the WRRF and/or GLWA Laboratory did you want to see? If you require to witness the analysis of a sample, or the collection of the sample from the composite sampler, I will need to know. The issue you brought up below appears to be focused on Total Suspended Solids, but if that is incorrect please let me know. Once I know precisely what is being requested, I will make the request of GLWA.

Please provide three dates on which you and anyone you intend to be present are available within the next two or three weeks, preferably no earlier than 30 SEP 19 as I will require time to communicate with GLWA to plan for this visit to the WRRF.

If you have any other questions or requests, please feel free to contact me directly so I can respond and coordinate appropriately.

Thank you,
Steven Eick
Warren District Office
27700 Donald Court
Warren, MI

248-302-9497

From: Staron, Matthew (EGLE) <STARONM@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8:07 AM
To: simoliunass@netscape.net; jack.w.schulz@gmail.com
Cc: Eick, Steven (EGLE) <EickS@michigan.gov>; Verona, Laura (EGLE) <VERONAL@michigan.gov>; Argiroff, Phil (EGLE) <ARGIROFFP@michigan.gov>; Alexander, Christine (EGLE) <ALEXANDERC2@michigan.gov>; Lane, Byron (EGLE) <LANEB@michigan.gov>
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Mr. Simoliunas,

The issues you raise are handled by our District Compliance Staff in the Warren District Office. I am therefore forwarding your note and request to the District Compliance Staff responsible for the GLWA facility (see below):

Mr. Steven Eick, P.E.
Warren District Office
27700 Donald Court
Warren, MI
586-753-3700

District staff will be in contact with you regarding your concerns about Total Suspended Solids analysis and the possibility of a lab visit.

Sincerely,

Matt Staron, P.E.
Senior Environmental Engineer
Water Resources Division
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
staronm@michigan.gov
517-284-5589

From: simoliunass@netscape.net <simoliunass@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:52 AM
To: Staron, Matthew (EGLE) <STARONM@michigan.gov>; jack.w.schulz@gmail.com; jpkovoor@yahoo.com; gtvann@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Dear Mr. Staron, Let us visit GLWA sewage plant and see how they do sampling and TSS analysis by gravimetric method below detection limits. It should take some 2 to 3 hours. Saulius Simoliunas

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From: simoliunass@netscape.net
To: ceo <ceo@glwater.org>
Sent: Mon, Sep 23, 2019 10:27 am
Subject: Public Comment to GLWA Board Meeting on September 25, 2019

Four years ago DWSD laid off experienced chemists and transferred their work to operators. The results

are dismal as the sampling is faulty and analyses are unreliable. Thus the loads to Detroit River dropped by half and GLWA reports this fiction as fact. I intend to visit the sewage plant with permit writer to expose the coverup. GLWA had ample time to rehire the laid off chemists instead of fighting against them in labor courts. The uncontrolled phosphorus load enhances massive algal blooms in Western Lake Erie. Saulius Simoliunas, 665 W. Warren Ave, Detroit, MI 28201, 313 465 57865, saulius@ieee.org
Dear Steve,

Based on the advice and counsel of our General Counsel's Office, we respectfully decline this site visit request for non-EGLE employees. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Majid Khan PhD, MSIS, CRL
Director of Operations – Wastewater
Great Lakes Water Authority
9300 W Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48209
Ph: 313.297.4301
E: Majid.Khan@glwater.org
General Information: 844.455.GLWA(4592)



From: Eick, Steven (EGLE) <EickS@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 3:01 PM
To: Majid Khan <Majid.Khan@glwater.org>
Cc: Laura Verona <veronal@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: Site Visit for Non-EGLE person

Majid,

Has a response been determined yet to the below request? I would like to be able to present the response to the requestors in the next day or so.

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From: Majid Khan <Majid.Khan@glwater.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 3:42 PM
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