

June 13, 2003

Keyvan Moghbel  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Subject: Complaint No. R2-2003-0023



Dear Mr. Moghbel,

I am in receipt of your letter dated May 30, 2003 concerning our seven (7) violations of City of Burlingame's NPDES permit during the period between November 1, 2001, and August 31, 2002, for a total mandatory minimum penalty of \$15,000.

We have decided to choose the option that will allow us to perform two Supplemental Environmental Projects for your review that are as follows;

1. We propose to mail each and every household in the City of Burlingame the Water Environment Federation's brochure "Fat-Free Sewers" (stock #HP1902) just before the Thanksgiving holiday season or sooner at your discretion. We feel that the majority of grease that plaques our sewer system is not attributed to the restaurants and commercial industry in the city, but to households within the city. This brochure goes into the details of where grease comes from and its effect on the sewer system if it is placed down the household drain. We would use the water billing address list as a basis for our mailing that includes over 8,000 customers. The estimated cost for this SEP is ~\$5,000.
2. The second SEP that we are submitting for your review is the restocking of our "Sewer Science Program" in the Burlingame High School. We recently completed our first year training session with great results and are in the planning stage for next year. We estimate that we will need to restock our consumables and have found a need for some added equipment upon the completion of this year's class that include, but are not limited to the following;
  - Hach COD reactor
  - Colorimeter
  - pH strips
  - Latex Gloves
  - Sewer Science Workbooks
  - Tubing
  - Chem Wipes
  - Chemicals

- Tank shipping containers (protect tanks between classes and during transportation)
- Anti bacterial hand soap with pump
- Instrument cart for transportation of equipment
- Pipette fixed volume @ 5ul with tip ejector
- Emergency eye wash bottle refills

The total amount for equipment and restocking of this material for the 03-04 school year is estimated at ~\$10,000.

Please notify us as to your acceptance of these two (2) SEP's. I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning these Supplemental Environmental Projects at the following phone number - 650-342-3727.

Sincerely,



William E. Toci  
Plant Manager  
USFilter Operating Service's, Inc.  
City of Burlingame WWTF

Cc: George Bagdon  
Fred Kriess

Attachments: City of Burlingame Sewer Science Student Workbook  
Consumables and Equipment list  
Fat Free Sewers brochure (stock #HP1902)