RE: Waverly Solvent Smell

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No, the only thing they did say was that they have a couple 55-gallon containers of waste oil, but they aren't leaking. If I had to guess, it would probably be whatever oil/coolant drips off of vehicles. It's a plumbing shop, so there shouldn't be massive amounts of metals or machining waste.

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Did they happen to mention what could have been in the shop trap? SDS sheet available for it?

Thanks for the update. Please enjoy your time off and have your designee contact me mid week next week to let me know how it goes the next few days.

On Fri, Sep 26, 2025 at 2:50 PM Grant Benschoter <gbenschoter@waverlyia.com> wrote:

> Good Afternoon Michele,
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> This is a follow up email to the conversation we had this afternoon. At approximately 12:45 pm, I noticed a strong solvent-type smell coming from our primary clarifiers and oxidation ditch. My team immediately grabbed samples then started checking the headworks and upstream collection system. The headworks facility had the same smell but upstream did not. I made a phone call to our local septic hauling business, Crystal Plumbing and Heating, who had hauled the only load into our headworks facility today. Immediately, they let us know that they did pump out their shop trap (estimated 40-50 gallons) and had forgotten that it was onboard until I mentioned our facility's smell. I had them bring the truck back for sampling, even though it was on the next job site. The sample we got off the truck had the same solvent-type smell.

As I mentioned to you on the phone, I do not believe this will upset our treatment process or contaminate our final effluent, but I would rather over document than under document. We will continue to monitor our plant and effluent throughout the weekend for any abnormalities. Ultimately, I am glad our haulers were honest with us, but we will be looking to put them on some sort of probationary sampling procedure. Attached are relevant pictures and the hauling manifest. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like to see from our side.

Best Regards,

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