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Paul,

This letter is to serve as a written follow up to our conversation on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. As I told you previously, we are in the middle of a construction project in which we are going to utilize our effluent water to provide flush water to our grit system in the Headworks Building. This will allow us to cut back on the amount of water we must purchase from the Ottumwa Water Works.

On Tuesday, August 28th , it was necessary for us to divert all of our influent wastewater to our Flow Equalization Basin during this process. Our contractor (Story Construction Co.) had to drill through the wall of our Chlorine Contact Basin to hook up the piping and place the pump, necessitating the area in which they were working be as dry as possible.

We began diverting flow to the E-Q Basin at 6:00 A.M. to ensure this. We also had to pump about four feet of the water level in the Chlorine Contact Basin out to the river. (This would normally just flow out to the river by gravity.) The work was completed and flow brought back through the plant at 12:30 P.M. The entire time for us diverting out to the E-Q Basin was 6 ½ hours. Since we had earlier lowered the E-Q basin level in anticipation of this work being done, the flow to the Basin raised the level to approximately our normal operating level.

The construction company is now working on the new piping in the Headworks building. We do not see any further changes in our normal plant process that would require us to notify you. If we should experience such a process change, we would let you know as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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