

INDIANA DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

100 N Senate Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46204

Town of Paragon WWTP

NPDES Permit NO. IN0040479

Paragon, Morgan County

Re: Response Letter regarding inspection on Jan 05, 2026

Our response will address your letter regarding inspection in chronological order from 1 through 8.

1. The permit is up for renewal in 2028 at which time we can address concerns regarding flow schematics.
2. Both lift stations were inspected and all floats were pulled and cleaned thoroughly on January 6th, 2026.
3. Due to Holiday work schedule no solids were wasted until January 7th at which time the pin floc was no longer visible.
4. Our maintenance staff repaired the air leak on January 6th. The grit remover was ordered on September 2025 with installation scheduled for March or April 2026. Please see attached paperwork from H.P. Thomson Co. for your review.
5. We began collecting and analyzing a sample of the return activated sludge as requested and will continue this sample procedure moving forward.
6. (A) Beginning Jan 7th we slowly reduced the air diffusers in the final effluent chamber which allows us to achieve the required 9.0mg/l DO.
(B) We currently switched detergent to a product called liquinox to clean our BOD bottles and will continue to monitor results in order to be in compliance with regulations.
(C) New bench sheets were acquired and averages on DO were started on Jan 7th and will continue to be reported carrying forward.
7. (A) I apologize for this discrepancy and will strive to improve.
(B) I acknowledge that there was an issue with the attached file in the March DMR. I have since corrected this issue and resubmitted to the EPA.
(C) I acknowledge that I had made a mistake for the month of May regarding the DMR. I have since corrected this mistake and resubmitted to the EPA.

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(D) I apologize for the numerous mistakes, my vision is impaired due to age and I have since scheduled an appointment with an optometrist and will do my best to improve and double check my reports before submitting.

8. The PH violation has since been corrected as addressed in 7. Sec C. I will continue to comply with all terms and conditions stated in the NPDES permit.

Respectfully,

John S. Trotter, Certified Operator

CC Mister Jason Miller, Town board president



January 7, 2026

Town of Paragon
PO Box 66
Paragon, IN 46166
Attn: Larry Silcox

Subject: Paragon IN Grit Classifier, Equipment Order and Installation Update

Dear Larry,

We are writing to provide an update regarding the grit conveyance equipment order placed on September 1, 2025. The equipment was officially released on October 29, 2025, after site visit with Pyramid and modifications to approval drawing to match existing footprint.

X2 Solutions confirmed fabrication status in early December. We are awaiting a post-holiday update from their team. The equipment is not yet complete, as we require a web call demonstrating functionality prior to shipment, which has not been scheduled. Based on the estimated lead time of 18–21 weeks after approval, plus an additional 4–5 weeks for transportation, we estimate installation start between March and April 2026.

The removal and installation will be handled by Pyramid Construction & Design. The contractor's contact details are as follows:

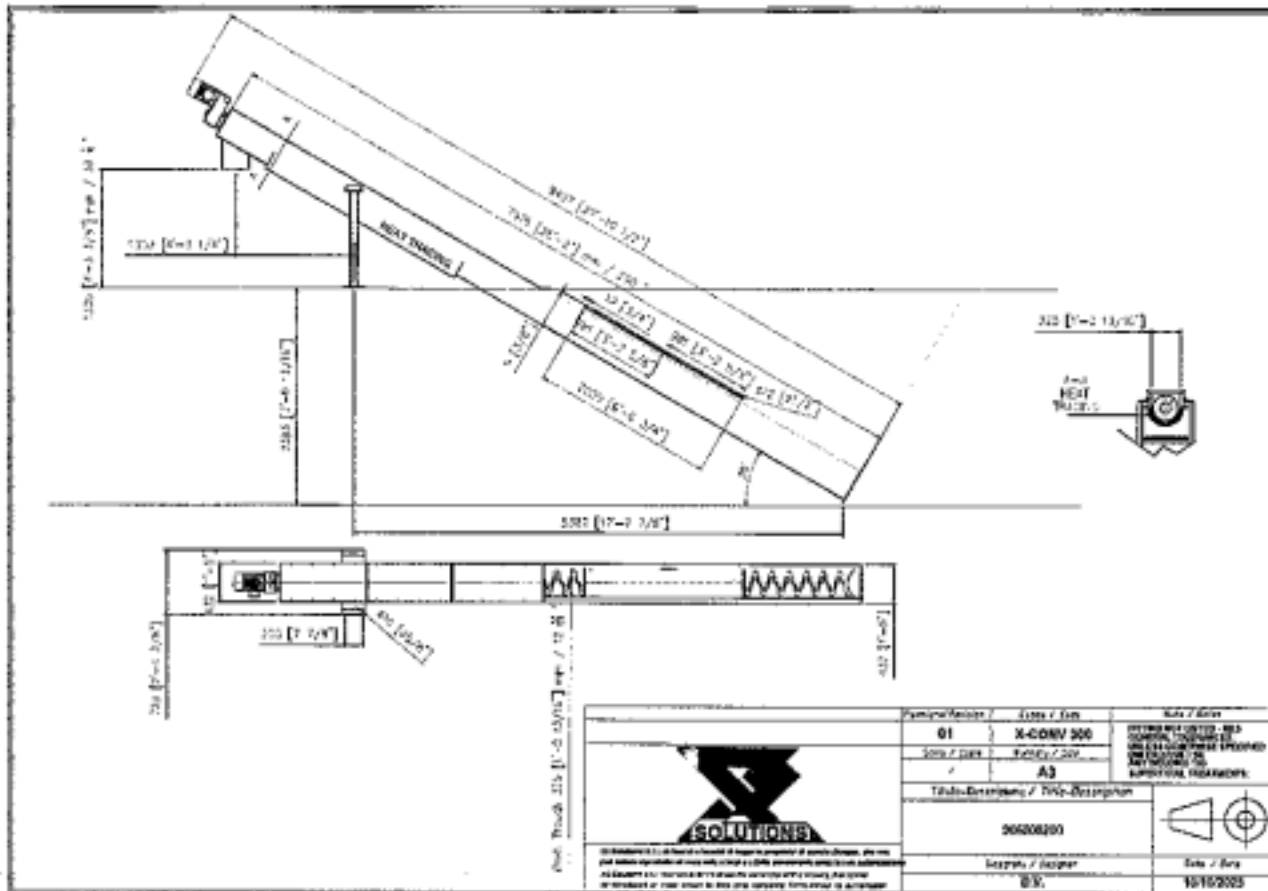
- **Primary Contact:** Lauren Knutsen
- **Address:** 1202 Bethel Avenue, Beech Grove, IN 46107
- **Phone:** (317) 416-1792
- **Email:** lauren@pyramidindy.com

X2's equipment is expected to be delivered to Pyramid Construction warehouse once completed. Pyramid estimated two to four weeks for removal and installation, weather permitting.

Please let us know if IDEM requires any further documentation or has questions on this order.

Best regards,
Rebecca Lee
Indy Metro Plant Sales Manager
(317) 748-5720
rlee@hpthompson.com

cc: Neil Raymond, The Henry P. Thompson Company



From: Alessandro Germiniasi
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 9:03 AM
To: Rebecca Lee <rlee@hpthompson.com>
Subject: Re: Paragon IN WWTP HPT 30018

Hi Rebecca,

Couple of weeks will be ready for collection.

BR

From: Alessandro Germiniasi
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 3:18:08 AM
To: Rebecca Lee <rlee@hpthompson.com>
Cc: Stefania Molinari - X2 Solutions
Subject: Re: Paragon IN WWTP HPT 30018

Ok,

Here attached the revision of order confirmation.
 Wait your kind deposit to proceed.
 My colleague Stefania will send you the proforme invoice.

Best regards