



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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June 25, 2024

Via Email to: [bkuhn@tds.net](mailto:bkuhn@tds.net)  
Mr. Bruce Kuhn, Town Council President  
Waldron Conservancy District  
PO Box 242  
Waldron, Indiana 46182

Re: **Noncompliance Letter** dated 04/04/24  
Waldron Conservancy District WWTP  
NPDES Permit No. IN0024783  
Waldron, Shelby County

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

A Noncompliance letter of the above referenced facility or location was emailed to you on April 4, 2024. A **written response** from the Waldron Conservancy District was **required to be submitted** to IDEM no later than May 4, 2024; to date **a response has not been received**. A copy of the Letter is enclosed. Please respond within 10 days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Stark at 812-525-9411, or by email at [kstark@idem.in.gov](mailto:kstark@idem.in.gov). Please direct your response via e-mail, along with the requested information, to [wwViolationResponse@idem.in.gov](mailto:wwViolationResponse@idem.in.gov).

Sincerely,

Kim Rohr, Chief  
Wastewater Inspections Section  
Office of Water Quality

Enclosure

c: Eric Schlechtweg, Operator, [e.rock@dswaterservices.com](mailto:e.rock@dswaterservices.com)  
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April 04, 2024

Via Email to: [bkuhn@tds.net](mailto:bkuhn@tds.net)  
Mr. Bruce Kuhn, President  
Waldron Conservancy District  
PO Box 242  
Waldron, Indiana 46182

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

**Re: Inspection Summary/ Noncompliance Letter**  
Waldron Conservancy District WWTP  
NPDES Permit No. IN0024783  
Waldron, Shelby County

An inspection of the above-referenced facility or location was conducted by a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Quality, pursuant to IC 13-18-3-9. A summary of the inspection is provided below:

Date(s) of Inspection: April 02, 2024  
Type of Inspection: Reconnaissance Inspection  
Inspection Results: Violations were observed.

The following concerns were noted:

Operation was rated as unsatisfactory. Part II. B. 1. of the permit requires all waste collection, control, treatment, and disposal facilities to be operated as efficiently as possible and in a manner which will minimize upsets and discharges of excessive pollutants. Part I. A. 7 of the permit states The effluent shall be disinfected on a continuous basis such that violations of the applicable bacteriological limitations (E. coli) do not occur from April 1 through October 31, annually.

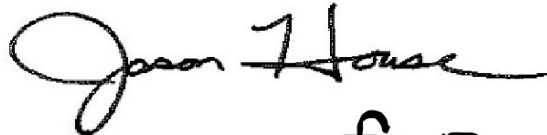
At the time of the inspection on April 2, 2024, the facility was discharging from the lagoon WWTP. Upon inspection of the disinfection system, the disinfection pumps were cycling approximately every three seconds; however, no chlorine nor dechlor chemical was being introduced into the effluent tanks. The system was not functioning properly and the facility was not chlorinating nor dechlorinating as required by the permit. (See attached photographs)

Part II. A. 1. of your permit requires you to comply with its terms and conditions. Any noncompliance with the terms of your permit may subject you to an enforcement action which can include the imposition of penalties. You are required to immediately take all necessary measures to comply with the terms and conditions of your NPDES Permit,

specifically those violations identified above.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, a written detailed response documenting correction of the concerns listed above and/or a plan for assuring future compliance must be submitted to this office. Failure to respond adequately to this letter may result in formal enforcement action. Please direct your response to this letter to our letterhead address or via email to [wwViolationResponse@idem.IN.gov](mailto:wwViolationResponse@idem.IN.gov). Any questions should be directed to Kevin Stark at 812-525-9411 or by email to [kstark@idem.IN.gov](mailto:kstark@idem.IN.gov). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



for

Kim Rohr, Chief  
Wastewater Inspection Section  
Office of Water Quality

Enclosure



# NPDES Wastewater Facility Inspection Report

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

NPDES Permit Number: <b>IN0024783</b>	Facility Type: Municipality	Facility Classification: Minor	TEMPO AI ID 50010
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Date(s) of Inspection: April 02, 2024

Type of Inspection: Reconnaissance Inspection

Name and Location of Facility Inspected: <b>Waldron Conservancy District WWTP</b> 4230 S. CR 500 E. Waldron IN 46182	County: Shelby	Receiving Waters: Coon's Creek	Permit Expiration Date: 12/31/2028
			Design Flow: 0.12MGD

On Site Representative(s):  
 First Name      Last Name      Title      Email      Phone  
 No facility rep was met at the site.

Was a verbal summary of findings presented to the on-site representative? **No**

Certified Operator: Eric Schlechtweg	Number: 21228	Class: III	Effective Date: 7-1-21	Expiration Date: 6-30-24	Email: e.rock@dswaterservices.com
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Cyber Security Contact:  
 Name: NA      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Official: Mr. Bruce Kuhn, President PO Box 242  Waldron, Indiana 46182	Permittee: Waldron Conservancy District Email: bkuhn@tds.net Phone: 765-525-9696 Fax: _____ Contacted? <b>No</b>
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### INSPECTION FINDINGS

- Conditions evaluated were found to be satisfactory at the time of the inspection. (5)
- Violations were discovered but corrected during the inspection. (4)
- Potential problems were discovered or observed. (3)
- Violations were discovered and require a submittal from you and/or a follow-up inspection by IDEM. (2)
- Violations were discovered and may subject you to an appropriate enforcement response. (1)

### AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

*(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)*

N	Receiving Waters	N	Facility/Site	N	Self-Monitoring	N	Compliance Schedules
M	Effluent	U	Operation	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
N	Permit	N	Maintenance	N	Laboratory	N	Effluent Limits Compliance
N	Collection System	N	Sludge Disposal	N	Records/Reports	N	Other:

### DETAILED AREA EVALUATIONS

**Effluent:**  
 Comments:  
 The effluent was observed at the collection manhole after the chlorine/dechlorination tank. The effluent appeared free of solids and/or debris; however, had a noticeable green tint.

**Operation:**  
 Comments:  
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functioning properly and the facility was not chlorinating nor dechlorinating as required by the permit. (See attached photographs)

**Effluent Limits Compliance:**

No 1. Were DMRs reviewed as part of the inspection?

Comments:

**IDEM REPRESENTATIVE**

Inspector Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Kevin Stark

kstark@idem.IN.gov

812-525-9411

**IDEM MANAGER REVIEW**

IDEM Manager:

Date:

Becky Ruark

4/3/2024

## Inspection Photographs



Facility: <b>Waldron Conservancy District WWTP</b>
Photographer: <b>Kevin Stark</b>
Date: 4/2/2024      Time: 9:32:00 AM
Others Present:
Location/Description: Chlorination feed tube showing no chemical feed. Proper disinfection was not taking place.



Facility: <b>Waldron Conservancy District WWTP</b>
Photographer: <b>Kevin Stark</b>
Date: 4/2/2024      Time: 9:32:00 AM
Others Present:
Location/Description: Dechlorination feed tube showing no chemical feed. Proper dechlorination was not taking place.