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***REPORT NO. 26-05***

***HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT***

***FISCHER FARM MONITORING REPORT FOR***

***FOURTH QUARTER 2025:***

***SPECIAL CONDITION 5***

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Dear Mr. Ruyle:

Subject: Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant - Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Permit No. 2022-SC-66896, Special Condition 5 Monitoring Report for October, November, and December 2025

The attached table contains the monitoring data for the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Fischer Farm site for October, November, and December 2025, as required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Operating Permit No. 2022-SC-66896, Special Condition 5.

Drainage water (combined surface and subsurface) returned to the Hanover Park WRP from the farm fields was sampled in October, November, and December 2025, and data for these samples are presented in Table 1. The volumes of drainage water returned to the WRP during the fourth quarter were estimated as 0.17, 2.6, and 4.9 million gallons in October, November, and December, respectively.

The data reported are as follows:

Table 1: Analysis of Combined Surface and Subsurface Drainage From the Fischer Farm Site Returned to the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant During October, November, and December 2025.

Figure 1: Map of Fields and Wells at the Hanover Park Fischer Farm Site of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment

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TABLE 1: ANALYSIS OF COMBINED SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE FROM THE FISCHER FARM SITE RETURNED TO THE HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2025

| Date     | Sump | NH <sub>3</sub> -N            | TSS <sup>1</sup> | BOD <sub>5</sub> |
|----------|------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|          |      | -----mg L <sup>-1</sup> ----- |                  |                  |
| 10/14/25 | East | 185                           | 9                | NRR <sup>2</sup> |
| 10/14/25 | West | 128                           | 6                | NRR              |
| 10/22/25 | East | 51                            | 3                | NRR              |
| 10/22/25 | West | 46                            | 11               | 19               |
| 10/28/25 | East | 123                           | 4                | NRR              |
| 10/28/25 | West | 26                            | 4                | NRR              |
| 11/04/25 | East | 609                           | 208              | NRR              |
| 11/04/25 | West | 183                           | 67               | NRR              |
| 11/12/25 | East | 736                           | 404              | 387              |
| 11/12/25 | West | 568                           | 224              | 419              |
| 11/25/25 | East | 56                            | 124              | 38               |
| 11/25/25 | West | 26                            | 57               | 23               |
| 12/10/25 | East | 10                            | 98               | NRR              |
| 12/10/25 | West | 5.3                           | 10               | NRR              |
| 12/17/25 | East | 5.7                           | 16               | 6                |
| 12/17/25 | West | 5.2                           | 2                | 3                |
| 12/24/25 | East | 6.5                           | 3                | NRR              |
| 12/24/25 | West | 2.0                           | 2                | NRR              |
| 12/31/25 | East | 5.5                           | 3                | 3                |
| 12/31/25 | West | 1.2                           | <2               | 3                |

<sup>1</sup>Total suspended solids.

<sup>2</sup>No reportable results. Laboratory quality assurance/quality control failed, and samples could not be reanalyzed due to holding time requirement.

FIGURE 1: MAP OF FIELDS AND WELLS AT THE HANOVER PARK FISCHER FARM SITE OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

