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Water Quality Complaint Inspection Report

Facility Name: Section 11 WWTP	Complaint No: 14369
Physical Location: 5452 East Hunt Highway City, State, Zip: Florence, AZ 85132	Inspection No.: 295767
County: Pinal	Arrival Date and Time: 1/24/2018 5:20 AM
Mailing Address: 5230 East Shea Blvd City, State, Zip: Scottsdale, AZ	Inspector(s): Isa Valdez
Coordinates (for new locations): N/A	Inspector Phone: 602-771-2302 Inspector Email: valdez.isa@azdeq.gov
Owner/Responsible Party: Johnson Utilities	Was Inspection Announced? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Onsite Contact Person(s)/Facility Operator(s): Steven S., Wastewater Operator not Certified. Jordan, Wastewater Lead Operator not Certified.	Weather: Sunny and Wind Conditions 14 MPH, temperature
Nearest Receiving Water, if applicable (indicate distance): N/A	
Inspection Report Issued: Via email from ADEQ office	Facility Initial: N/A ADEQ Initial:
Results of Inspection: <input type="checkbox"/> No deficiencies were noted during the course of the inspection. No ADEQ action will result from this inspection. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential deficiencies were noted during the course of the inspection. Additional correspondence regarding this inspection may be forthcoming.	
Comments: At the time of the inspection, sewage odor was perceived from approx. 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM at the intersection of Hunt Highway and Oasis Rd, where Oasis Lift Station is located. In addition, water was observed impounded on the southeast corner of the property, no rain events took place during the inspection's week to account for the amount of water observed at the retention basin.	
Attachments: Attachment A – Notice of Inspection Rights Attachment B – Photograph Log Attachment C – Time Log Attachment D – AZMET, Queen Creek Station Data	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING INSPECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	

<p>Description of the Complaint</p>	<p>On Monday January 21, 2018, ADEQ received approximately 40 complaints in reference to the Johnson Utilities, LLC, and Section 11 WWTP. The majority of the complaints pointed out frequent sewage odors, in many cases for multiple hours. One complainant stated that a pipeline was discharging water emitting sewage odor to an area located before the railroad tracks on the southwest portion of the facility.</p>
<p>Observations:</p>	<p>The inspection started at 5:30 AM. The inspection process consisted on going to specific points across the neighborhood close to Section 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant. I parked at the point for approximate 10 to 15 minutes with windows down and documented smell, temperature, and additional comments. The inspection observations are described in <i>Attachment C – Time Log</i>.</p> <p>Around 9:00 AM I walked around the southeast corner from the outside of the Section 11 WWTP property fence line, collected all observations from this area. As I walked along the fence line, I observed water in the retention basin coming from a higher area to the retention basin (<i>See Attachment B</i>). Based upon weather data, no rain events took place during the week of January 18, 2018 through January 24, 2018 (<i>See Attachment D</i>).</p> <p>At approximately 10:00 AM, I arrived at the Section 11 WWTP to conduct an announced inspection. Upon arrival I met with Steven S., Wastewater Operator and talked telephonically with Jordan C, Wastewater Lead Operator. Over the call, Jordan mentioned no major upsets have occurred at the plant to cause sewage odors. Additionally, the operators are recording Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) in a daily basis. The operator did not grant access to ADEQ to proceed with the complaint-response inspection. However, the inspection was rescheduled for next day during an ADEQ visit.</p>
<p>Comments and Potential Deficiencies:</p>	<p>Based upon photographic documentation (<i>Attachment B</i>), potential deficiencies were noted during the course of the inspection, so additional correspondence regarding the inspection may be forthcoming.</p>