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Toby Ross
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Dear Toby,

We met yesterday and discussed wastewater treatment lagoons.

I was pleased that the changes your city made at the lagoons are helping to meet the discharge permit limits. We also discussed the possibility of having a training session in Iola on wastewater lagoons. Your system has several features that combined to make a unique facility, where you would normally need to go to several systems to see all of such aspect. This is why having the training at your system would be helpful to other systems. We will be in communication with you to further discuss this.

The city is working to reduce infiltration and inflow (I & I) to the collection system. Excessive I & I can affect many parts of the wastewater system, from bypass from manholes to back-ups into homes. Excessive I & I can also affect the treatment facility which can cause failure to meet discharge permit limits.

Thanks again for your time in discussing your utility operations. I hope that a training session can be arranged for at Iola as I think it would be beneficial to other systems.

Sincerely,

Charlie Schwindamann
Wastewater Tech

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