

BENTON HARBOR – ST. JOSEPH JOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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February 24, 2015

Mr. Matthew Campbell
Septage Waste Program Coordinator
MDEQ Water Bureau
PO Box 30273
Lansing, MI 48909-7773

Subject: Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan

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WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On October 16, 2014 the Joint Board of Commissioners of the Benton Harbor – Saint Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant adjusted the fee charged for dumping and treatment of septage at the Joint Plant.

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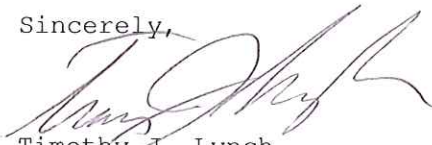
Section 413-1: Rates and Charges, Invoicing Deposits:

Charges for dumping and treatment of septage waste at the Joint Plant:

Effective April 1, 2015 - \$60.00 per 1,000 gallons

If you have any further questions or comments relating to this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Lynch
Plant Manager

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Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant

SUPPLEMENTAL SEPTAGE DUMPING AND TREATMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

October 16, 2014

REFERENCE AND AUTHORIZATION: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 413 OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE BENTON HARBOR - ST. JOSEPH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT JOINT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, (JOINT BOARD), ON NOVEMBER 9, 2000.

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SECTION 413-1: RATES AND CHARGES, INVOICING DEPOSITS:

CHARGES FOR DUMPING AND TREATMENT OF SEPTAGE WASTE AT THE JOINT PLANT:

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012 - \$50.00 PER 1,000 GALLONS

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015 - \$60.00 PER 1,000 GALLONS

THE JOINT BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PERIODICALLY ADJUST THE CHARGE FOR DUMPING AND TREATMENT OF SEPTAGE TO REFLECT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL SEPTAGE DUMPING AND TREATMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

October 16, 2014

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RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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DAN WYANT
DIRECTOR

March 11, 2013

Mr. Timothy Lynch, Plant Manager
Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant
269 Anchors Way
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear Mr. Lynch:

SUBJECT: Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan Amendment
Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), is in receipt of the Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Plan Amendment. The amended plan will be posted on the Septage Waste Program website, as required under Section 11715b.(10)(a)(b) of Part 117, Septage Waste Servicers, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Be advised that the receiving facility must operate in accordance with the authorized, amended operating plan. **If a change in operations or conditions is anticipated, please file an amendment to the plan at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of implementation.**

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact me at 517-335-4178; campbellm4@michigan.gov; or at DEQ, ODWMA, Environmental Health Section, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,

Matthew Campbell
Environmental Quality Specialist
Septage Waste Program
Environmental Health Programs Unit
Office of Drinking Water
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cc: Mr. Ken Priest, Environmental Health Services Manager,
Berrien County Health Department

BENTON HARBOR – ST. JOSEPH JOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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December 19, 2012

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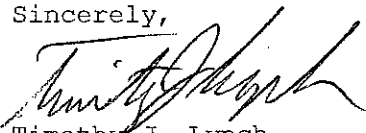
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant

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