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Good afternoon Clifford and Albertine,

Further to Clifford's call and texts regarding the lack of freeboard (<2 feet) at most of the Hamlet's lagoon cells, especially cells #4 & #5 (water licence SNP 1412-2-Site of Compliance), **the Hamlet is approved to proceed with emergency decant operations at Cell #5 of the Sewage Disposal Facilities commencing on Monday August 12th, or earlier if required.** Clifford informed me that a pre-decant sample was collected today and should arrive at the lab sometime this afternoon. I asked that he request to put a rush on analysis to get results quicker. Typically I review pre-decant sample results to ensure they meet licence effluent quality criteria prior to approving the decant. However, in this case where the potential for an uncontrolled release is high, I am approving the decant without the results in order to avoid an uncontrolled spill, or overflowing of the lagoons. I still need to review the results as soon as they are available in order to understand what contaminants are being release to the receiving environment. **Please forward results to me as soon as they are available.**

When I was conducting the spring water license inspection in June, the lagoons had the licence minimum of freeboard then (1 metre) and I relayed to Susan (SAO) that a request for decant should be made. This request did not come until now and I'm disappointed that it was left this long. Please note that I do not issue emergency decants lightly, and expect the Hamlet to stay on top of monitoring the sewage disposal facilities to ensure this does *not* happen again.

In addition, **please let me know when decant commences and ends. If decant is longer than a week, a weekly sample will be required for every week that the Hamlet decants as per the licence.** Clifford should request more sample bottles from the lab, if it is anticipated that decant will take longer than a week. Total effluent discharge volumes will need to be included in the annual water licence report, so it's important that this information is tracked and recorded as well.

If you have any questions regarding emergency decant operations, don't hesitate to contact me.

Please keep me posted.

Regards,

Wendy

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