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To: [Fischer, Lauren](#)
Subject: FW: KJ Poultry EQ tank overflow/flow thru hatch etc. 9/17/22, 9/20/22 MSGP NYR00E993
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From: Yoel Kohn <yoel@kjpoultry.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Lantner, Murray <Lantner.Murray@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KJ Poultry EQ tank overflow/flow thru hatch etc. 9/17/22, 9/20/22 MSGP NYR00E993

Hi Murray

There were two incidents. One happened at 9/17/2022 water leaked out from the old EQ tank and discharged to the V-KJ STP with untreated industrial wastewater. This water didn't spill out from the trench drain to the storm water catch basin it was collected to the effluent pump station and pumped to the V-KJ STP.

The cause of the spill was due to On Friday 9/16/2022 we worked on the old EQ tank We opened the door of the tank to pump out the remaining water. when it got late on that day and we were not able to complete the job. We closed the door but not completely tight expecting that the plant is not operating on Saturday and there is no chance for water in the new EQ tank to reach to the top and overflow to the old tank. Unfortunately a water pipe broke in the plant resulting to discharge continues water to the EQ tank and when it got full it overflowed to the old tank and leaked out from the door which was not tightly closed.

A notice of this non compliance was send to the county.

A second incident happened on the morning of 9/20/2022 a spill of treated water spilled out from the effluent pump station in to the storm drain catch basin. It happened due to a power loos in the middle of the night the VFD drive for the pumps got an error and did not start the pumps, also due to the spill on 9/17/2022 the wire for the emergency pump got flooded causing the emergency pump to fail to start.

As soon I got the alarm I came to the plant and stopped the DAF and reset the VFD to start the pumps.

We affixed the wires of the emergency pump to keep off the ground.

We got TAM ENTERPRISES with a vec truck to jet and clean the storm drain catch basin.

This incident was notified verbally to the DEC on 9/20/2022.

From: Lantner, Murray <Lantner.Murray@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 8:58 AM
To: Yoel Kohn <yoel@kjpoultry.com>
Cc: Ryan.OMara@dec.ny.gov; Natalie Browne <natalie.browne@dec.ny.gov>; gskikj@gmail.com; Fischer, Lauren <Fischer.Lauren@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KJ Poultry EQ tank overflow/flow thru hatch etc. 9/17/22, 9/20/22 MSGP NYR00E993
Importance: Low

Dear Yoel:

Based upon videos received, as well as information from NYSDEC there were Equalization Tank discharges that flowed into the storm sewer adjacent to the KJ Poultry pretreatment plant. Please send me the cause of the discharge and documentation of actions taken to stop the discharge required by Part V.B.1 of your Multi Sector General Permit (NYR00E993) and the dates that there was a discharge. Also respond whether the discharge was reported to the Regional Water Engineer of NYSDEC Region 3.

Also provide the status of the Annual Certification Reports required by Part VI.A.1 MSGP and submit the Annual Certification Reports for 2020 to 2021. Please Respond to us within 5 business days – by Tuesday October 4, 2022. The image below shows flow from the tanks reaching the storm drain that discharges to the nearby tributary of the Ramapo River.



numeric effluent limitations.

B. For Non-Stormwater Discharges

1. If a non-stormwater discharge is discovered the owner or operator must:
 - a. Identify its source and determine whether it is an authorized discharge.
 - (1) Upon determination that the discharge is not covered under this permit or another SPDES permit, the owner or operator shall notify the Regional Water Engineer (Appendix F), of the unauthorized discharge and begin immediate actions to eliminate the discharge. These actions must be documented in the SWPPP.

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From: Yoel Kohn <yoel@kjpoultry.com>
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Subject: EQ tank overflow

Hi Good Morning,

Be advised that on the morning of Monday 5/9/2022 an EQ tank overflow occurred, The cause of that was that on Monday morning when the EQ tank reached the level to start, the pumps started but without any flow to the DAF do to a clogged pipe in the floc tubes, We start working on the problem to clear the blockage in the system. When we notice the EQ tank reached high level. Immediately we stopped the processing at the poultry plant to prevent overflow till we fix the problem. But unfortunately it was a little late and some water from the EQ tank spilled out. When the overflow occurred we shut off the pump at the poultry plant to stop water flow to the EQ tank. In the future if such an incident will occur we will stop the pumps at the poultry earlier before it reaches overflow. Also we are building now a new EQ tank and we will use the old one for backup in case the tank overflows it will flow to the old tank.