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Mr. Craig Samek
Pretreatment Coordinator
City of Sioux City
City Hall, P.O. Box 447
Sioux City, Iowa 51102-0447

Re: Sioux City - Pretreatment Audit
NPDES No. IA0043095

Dear Mr. Samek:

Letter of Warning

On September 11-14, 2018, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 performed a Pretreatment audit of the Sioux City Pretreatment program. The audit was conducted under the authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act. A copy of the audit report was transmitted to you for your review on or around March 20, 2018.

This letter is to advise you that the EPA has reviewed this report and the following violations were identified:

- Annual sampling and inspections of Significant Industrial Users, were not performed at eight SIUs during 2016 and 2017.

- Pretreatment facility semi-annual reports subject to Metal Finishing Federal Categorical standard 40 CFR Part 433, did not include the Total Toxic Organics (TTO) certification statements required in order for the facility to be exempt from TTO sampling.

- The City did not determine a compliance status for all SIUs for the sixth month period ending in June 2018. Hence, the City would not have known who was in Significant Noncompliance and who needed timely enforcement to return to compliance.

In addition to the above cited violation, the inspection report also contained recommendations which we strongly encourage you to implement.

The EPA reminds that you must operate in full compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act and the EPA's implementing regulations, including the General Pretreatment Regulations, 40 CFR

Part 403, and the City's NPDES permit IA0043095. Although no further follow-up action is contemplated by the EPA at this time, please note that the EPA reserves its right to pursue appropriate enforcement actions, including penalties, for violations discovered as a result of this inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lantz Tipton, 913-551-7892, the member of my staff most familiar with your report.

Sincerely,

Jamie Green
Acting Chief
Water Enforcement Branch

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