

Childs, Guy@Waterboards

From: Wyels, Wendy@Waterboards
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Hold, Howard@Waterboards; Childs, Guy@Waterboards
Subject: FW: Morningstar odor complaints

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:00 AM
To: Wyels, Wendy@Waterboards
Subject: RE: Morningstar odor complaints

Wendy,

I spoke with morning star as well and am scheduled to take a walk of the facility at 10:30 am. I will update you on my findings and send pictures as necessary.

Thank you for the information and quick response.

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From: Wyels, Wendy@Waterboards [<mailto:Wendy.Wyels@waterboards.ca.gov>]

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 9:43 AM

To: Kuljeet Mundi

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Subject: Morningstar odor complaints

Hi Kuljeet,

I've attached the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Morningstar. Pages 1-27 describe what they do and give the basis for our regulating them. The "Hereby Ordered" section, starting on page 28, lists the requirements they must follow. This is what we review for compliance and what we can take enforcement action on. Discharge Specification D.7 says that there shall be no odors beyond the limits of the property.

We just called our Morningstar contact, Russ Oliveria (916-719-5650). He said he'd been driving around Williams this morning and hadn't smelled any odors. He also said that they just started irrigating 160 acres, but I don't think this would cause odors of the magnitude that you're describing. I asked him to check on the dissolved oxygen content of the ponds, find out when they started operations, and if they've done anything unusual in the last week or so. He said he'd check and call me back.

I've also asked my staff to contact the Williams wastewater treatment plant to see if they've had an upset that could cause odors. Apparently, the Williams staff are on furlough today but my staff will keep trying to find someone to talk to.

The soonest that we can do an inspection is Tuesday. It would be helpful to us if you could go to Williams today and see if you smell odors. They'll be the strongest in the evening or early morning. Please let us know what you find out, and please pass along the odor complaints you've received. We'd like to work with County Health to resolve this quickly.

thanks

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