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Mr. Miller,

We are in receipt of your 1 March 2016 letter regarding the Fourth Quarter 2015 monitoring report. You state that the pumps were off so it was difficult to get an effluent sample without stirring up the bottom sediment. You asked how to “mitigate this test result”. Water Board staff suggest obtaining future samples while the pumps are running to avoid collecting samples that are high in suspended solids.

The information provided in your letter does not contain sufficient information (e.g. laboratory sample QA/QC error) that can be used to describe circumstances that would allow the Water Board to deem this sample as invalid. Therefore, a preliminary review of the Fourth Quarter 2015 data shows effluent limit exceedances for Total Suspended Solids and Iron. These violations may be subject to mandatory minimum penalties. Staff will make a formal determination at a later date and will provide you with additional notification.

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