

OGMCOAL - Emery Deep Water Quality

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Subject: Emery Deep Water Quality

Good morning Peter,

I just got off the phone with John Gefferth and he told me that Jaren's no longer at Emery and that you're the contact guy for water quality/permitting issues. Lucky you!

I'm finishing up the second quarter water monitoring report for 2010 and have a couple questions on the UPDES outfalls. Data was entered for Outfalls 001 and 003, but nothing was entered for the remaining outfalls. I'm guessing that they didn't discharge, but without a data entry to that effect I have to ask about it. I can't assume anything. In the future, if the outfalls don't discharge, just enter no flow into the database so I know that's the case.

Another question is regarding Outfall 001. Zero flows were recorded, yet water quality data was entered. Could you explain what's going on here? I guess the basic question is, if there was zero flow (i.e. no discharge) what was sampled? You may not know the answer to that question since Jaren was doing the sampling back then, but if you could look into it, I'd appreciate it.

John Gefferth told me that Jaren went over the water monitoring with you in some detail. That's good. Jaren and I had finally gotten the water monitoring straightened out. As long as you follow Table VI-17 and submit data for everything that's required on that list, we're all good. If a monitoring site can't be sampled for whatever reason or it doesn't flow, please enter that into the database. I can't assume that a site didn't flow or was inaccessible so please make a note of it in the database when you input the data into the pipeline so I know what's going on.

Give me a call if you have any questions and let me know about the UPDES data I mentioned above.

Thanks a lot Peter,
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