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Fwd: Coal Hollow- Pond 1 Inlet

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Good afternoon Kirk,

It was brought to my attention this morning that there's an outstanding issue with the Pond 1 inlet. The June 16th inspection report (#4219) provided a June 30th deadline to riprap the inlet to Pond 1 as required by the approved design in your permit. After speaking with Cheryl following her inspection this week, that work hasn't been completed.

I realize that you submitted a modification to the Pond 1 inlet (Task #4894) that was returned deficient on June 9th, 2015. The problem is that until the modification to the Pond 1 design is approved, you are still required to operate under the requirements of the permit (i.e. the inlet to Pond 1 needs to be rip rapped as designed).

What is the status of re-submitting the Pond 1 and Water Valve amendment? Is it your intention to not riprap the inlet to Pond 1 in lieu of that amendment being ultimately approved at some point in the future?

I understand your reluctance to riprap the Pond 1 Inlet if it's design is going to be revised/changed. However; at this point the inlet is showing signs of excessive erosion that requires immediate attention and it is not functioning as designed in the permit. The rainy season will be upon us very soon so this matter needs to be attended to as soon as possible in order to avoid any further deterioration and potential enforcement action being taken.

Please let us know what your plans/time-line are for resolving this.

Thanks,
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