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Mr. Oswald Rendon-Herrero
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Re: Reconnaissance Inspection Report (RI)
NPDES Permit No. MS0056553
East Okitbbeha Wastewater District, Steele Plantation Development

Dear Mr. Herrero:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, conducted a Reconnaissance Inspection of the East Okitbbeha Wastewater District, Steele Plantation Development located at Old West Point Road, Starkville, Mississippi on June 7, 2022, for compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and the Clean Water Act.

The inspection findings are provided in the enclosed Reconnaissance Inspection Report. If you have any questions concerning the inspection report, please contact Tristan Odekirk at 404-562-9295 or via email at Odekirk.Tristan@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Castillo, Jairo

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Jairo Castillo, P.E., Chief
Wastewater Enforcement Section
Water Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Michelle Clark
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Dwight Prisock

	United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 CV-MS-0056553-6-7-2022 Reconnaissance Inspection Report				
	SECTION A: National Data System Coding				
	NPDES No.	MO/DAY/YR	Inspection-Type	Inspector	Facility-Type
	MS0056553	6/7/2022	ROS (Reconnaissance without Sampling)	Tristan Odekirk/Richard Elliott	Publicly owned treatment works

SECTION B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) East Okitbbiha Wastewater District, Steele Plantation Development Old West Point Road, Starkville, Mississippi 39757	Entry Date/Time 6/7/2022 12:30 PM Exit Date/Time 6/7/2022 1:00 PM	Permit Effective Date: 5/6/2021 Permit Expiration Date: 4/30/2026
Names of On-site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) On-site representatives are listed in Section D Dwight Prisock, Operations, 770-330-3890, dprisock@earthlink.net	Other Facility Data n/a	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Oswald Rendon Herrero, 662-418-0050	Contacted ☒ Yes ☐ No	

SECTION C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)							
☒	Permit	☒	Flow Measurement	☐	Operation & Maintenance	☐	CSO/SSO (Sewer Overflow)
☒	Records/Reports	☐	Self-Monitoring Program	☐	Sludge Handling/Disposal	☐	Pollution Prevention
☒	Facility Site Review	☐	Compliance Schedules	☐	Pretreatment	☐	Multimedia
☒	Effluent/Receiving Waters	☐	Laboratory	☐	Storm Water	☐	Other:

SECTION D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists as necessary)	
Attached below.	

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) TRISTAN ODEKIRK Digitally signed by TRISTAN ODEKIRK Date: 2022.07.12 15:54:21 -04'00' Tristan Odekirk	Agency/Division/Phone and Fax Number EPA/ECAD/(404) 562-9295	Date 7/12/2022
Signature of Management QA Reviewer Castillo, Jairo Digitally signed by Castillo, Jairo Date: 2022.07.13 13:39:25 -04'00' Jairo Castillo	Agency/Division/Phone and Fax Number EPA/ECAD/(404) 562-9257	Date 7/12/2022



United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
CV-MS-0056553-6-7-2022
Reconnaissance Inspection Report
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Section D: Summary of Findings / Comments

On June 7, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a Reconnaissance Inspection (RI) on the East Okitbbeh Water District, Steele Plantation Development wastewater treatment lagoon (the "Facility") located on Old West Point Road, Starkville MS. The Facility is owned and operated by East Okitbbeh Water District. The inspection was conducted under the authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended. This report and attachments present the results of the inspection.

I. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Facility is a wastewater treatment lagoon that treats domestic wastewater from the Steele Plantation Subdivision. Two weeks before the inspection the permittee installed a pump station to convey wastewater from the subdivision to the Starkville municipal wastewater treatment plant. At the time of this inspection, operation of the facility has been discontinued. No effluent discharge was observed from the treatment plant. The wastewater facility is a single cell lagoon with an inline disinfection chamber that utilizes chlorine tablets. There were no tablets in the chlorinator.

II. COMPLIANCE HISTORY

The EPA reviewed its Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) on June 27, 2022. The facility's history showed DMR non-receipt for 5 quarters. The operator was informed of the need to submit DMRs even if the facility was not discharging. The operator stated he would back submit the missing DMRs.

III. INSPECTION PROCEDURES

The objective of this RI was to evaluate the condition of the Facilities aerated lagoon and the permittee's self-monitoring program and offer compliance assistance as needed. Specific tasks included conducting an opening conference, interviewing Facility staff, conducting a site visit to the lagoon and the receiving waters, and a closing conference.

IV. PERMIT

The facility's permit was issued May 6, 2021 and expires April 30, 2026. The facility is permitted to discharge through one outfall to an unnamed tributary of Sand Creek. Facility discharge monitoring reports are due annually by the 28th of January of the following year.

V. FLOW MEASUREMENT

No flow measurement device was observed onsite. In addition, there was no flow into or out of the facility. All flows into the facility were diverted to a pump station and conveyed to the city of Starkville's POTW.

VI. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to the inspection, the Steele Plantation Development wastewater conveyance system was connected to a lift station to send wastewater to the Starkville wastewater treatment facility. The Steele Plantation Development wastewater treatment lagoon has not been in use since the lift station began operation.

VII. EFFLUENT AND RECEIVING WATERS

There was no effluent from the facility.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

Since the WWTP outfall was recently connected to one of the lift stations of the City of Starkville Publicly Owned Treatment Works, the permittee should request the termination of its NPDES permit to MDEQ.

End of Report