

Stamford WPCA Top Issues (12/18/20)

No.	Issue	Action Description	Impact	Status	Schedule
1	COVID-19 Outbreak	Take action to reduce impact on SWPCA Operations and Finances	Operations and Financial	1 SWPCA employee tested positive since last Board meeting and has since returned to work. Operators, mechanics and lab staff are all following normal work schedule. Admin staff working on site and home in staggered schedule.	Will adjust staffing on site based on response to pandemic and direction by Governor and Mayor.
2	Sludge dryer had an explosion on 8/1/19 that resulted in damage to the dryer equipment and building. Currently hauling sludge cake at additional cost until dryer can be repaired and put back in service.	Need to replace damaged dryer equipment and building window, doors, skylights and masonry damaged by explosion.	Operations and Financial	Dryer repairs have been completed. Dryer has started and shut down due to various instrument/ controls and equipment issues which are still ongoing as of 12/18/20.	.
3	UV System Performance and Permit Exceedances	Upgrade UV System adding 2 new UV channels for system redundancy during peak flow and replacing aged Wedeco UV equipment with Trojan.	Regulatory and Operations	Two (2) new UV channels have been in service since 8/1/20. Most recent issue with water level sensors appears to be resolved by moving level sensor to center of UV channel.	C H Nickerson will begin work on 3 rd UV channel.
4	Extreme wet weather - high flow discharge and permit exceedance on 5/1/14	Perform an Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Study to identify and remove extraneous flows caused by rainfall and high groundwater	Regulatory and Operations	Phase II SSES (CCTV, manhole inspections and smoke testing) have been completed.	Phase I (A) sewer rehabilitation by Kenyon Pipeline is ongoing.
5	Reduce energy costs	Evaluate and implement energy conservation measures (ECM)	Operations and Financial	Received payment of Eversource cash incentive for LED lighting and UV system upgrade.	Eversource to provide \$469,695 cash incentive for energy efficiency measures used in Primary and Secondary Treatment Improvements

6	Personnel Safety	Comply with requirements for arc flash protection.	Operations		Siemens has started to perform electrical preventive maintenance (EPM) on electrical switchgear at treatment plant. Completed EPM of switchgear for sludge dryer.
7	Sludge dryer before explosion was operating close to its capacity and there are limited options for disposal of sludge cake due to incinerators operating at their capacity and landfills that are closing, or won't accept sludge cake.	SWPCA needs to evaluate its future options for sludge processing and disposal and develop a long term Sludge Management Plan.	Operations	Have requested CTDEEP to review the scope of work and fee to determine if the study is eligible for a CWF planning grant. Awaiting response from CTDEEP before we start work.	Expect 16 months to complete the Sludge Management Plan.
8	WPCF evaluations and improvements	Study, design, and construct WPCF improvements to replace aged equipment and increase operations and energy efficiency.	Regulatory and Operations	Work inside aeration tanks is complete. Work is now focused on installing new electrical switchgear for the new aeration blowers, and work on the mechanical screen channel, new discharge header for new raw sewage pumps, and installing temporary bypass pumps at Raw Sewage Pump Station.	C H Nickerson has advised they will request an additional 3 to 4 month time extension to complete the project (originally by June 2021) due to equipment delays caused by COVID-19.
9	Perna Lane Area is in need of sanitary sewers due to failing septic systems.	Evaluate cost effective options for providing sanitary sewers to the Perna Lane Area that avoid deep sewers (in rock) in High Ridge Road.	Operations	Most cost effective option will include a combination of gravity and low pressure sewers. Project will proceed upon receipt of petition signed by 2/3 of property owners in favor of the project	Project is currently on hold pending receipt of petition signed by 2/3 of property owners in favor of the sewer project.