

Stamford WPCA Top Issues (3-16-20)

No.	Issue	Action Description	Impact	Status	Schedule
1	COVID-19 Outbreak	Take action to reduce impact on SWPCA Operations and Finances	Operations and Financial	Have instructed staff on prevention. Have reduced staff to essential personnel needed to operate and maintain WPCF and Collection system. Admin staff working from home.	Will adjust based on response to pandemic and direction by 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	Replacement of equipment damaged by explosion has been released for fabrication by Andritz . Issued PO for other equipment and repairs by Andritz totaling \$2.3 million.	Will receive bids from contractors for installation of dryer equipment and building repairs on March 31 st . Dryer repairs to be completed by September.
3	UV System Performance and Permit Exceedances	Install temporary liquid chlorine disinfection and dechlorination to provide effluent disinfection if the UV system malfunctions.	Regulatory and Operations	A loose connection that caused UV exceedance on 9/3/19 has been fixed. No exceedances since.	Construction of two (2) new UV channels to be completed by June 2020 as part of the Preliminary, Secondary and Disinfection Treatment Improvements.
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 I SSES (CCTV, smoke testing) and Pilot Area Sewer Rehabilitation have been completed. Met with CTDEEP on 1/21 to review I/I Removal Program and Phase II SSES Report.	CDM Smith has completing the design of sewer and MH rehabilitation identified by Phase I SSES. Phase 1A sewer rehabilitation to begin in March.
5	Reduce energy costs	Evaluate and implement energy conservation measures (ECM)	Operations and Financial	Eversource rebate for the LED Lighting, two (2) banana blade mixers, and UV System Upgrade will total \$283,658.	Energy Resources to install interior LED lighting in Administration, Operations, Sludge Processing and Chemical Building this spring.

6	Personnel Safety	Comply with requirements for arc flash protection.	Operations	Dyke Lane PS electrical upgrade project has been completed.	Interviewed all three (3) firms who submitted proposals for performing the electrical preventive maintenance (EPM). Have requested additional information from one of the respondents to enable interview panel to make a selection.
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	Six (6) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ to prepare a Sludge Management Plan.	Technical Committee has short listed four (4) firms for an interview on May 11 th .
8	WPCF evaluations and improvements	Study, design, and construct WPCF improvements to replace aged equipment and increase operations and energy efficiency.	Regulatory and Operations	C H Nickerson continuing work on the two (2) new UV channels and is starting work on the new 2000 kW Generator.	Two (2) new UV channels to be completed by June 2020. Work on RSPS to begin in spring. Overall construction to be complete by June 2021.
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	Tighe & Bond has completed the evaluation of alternatives for sewerage the Perna Lane Area. Presented alternatives at public meeting on 12/11/19.	Sent survey to property owners. Responses due by end of March.
10	Have a number of open positions that are affecting adequate treatment plant staffing for 24/7 operation.	Fill open positions for Plant Supervisor and Shift Foremen (2).	Regulatory and Operations	Rob Pudelka promoted to Plant Supervisor. Promoted Operator III to fill one (1) Shift Foremen position.	Current open positions include Assistant Plant Supervisor, one (1) Shift Foremen, and two (2) Mechanics in Training.