



## County of Erie

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January 20, 2015

Trevor Wolf  
Facilities Maintenance Supervisor  
Steuben Foods, Inc.  
1150 Maple Road  
Elma, New York 14059

RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 3 (ECSD No.3)  
Bypass Notice

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) has received Steuben Food's emailed notice indicating that they will be bypassing pH control in order to vacuum out the tanks located in the waste treatment building. The cleaning is scheduled to be performed January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Please be advised, as per Federal Regulation 40CFR 403.17, an industrial user can only bypass their pretreatment system, with written notice, if they will not violate any pretreatment standards or limits. The cleaning Steuben intends to perform would take pH control and adjustments off-line for the duration of the cleaning process. If a bypass occurs that violates pretreatment standards, pH in this case, the DSM will have to follow up with enforcement procedures. Note, the Regulation also states that the only acceptable reason to bypass and violate pretreatment standards is to prevent loss of life.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 823-5888, ext 223.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Surdej  
Industrial Wastewater Specialist

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