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"WELLNESS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT"

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TO: Gordon Tiffany
FROM: ^D Tom Douville
SUBJECT: Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant

Stark #2
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The recent Cease & Desist Order issued by Colorado Department of Health has focused attention on our need to become more aware of permit conditions and other commitments which have not yet been satisfied. Jim Patterson is working on the issue covered by the order, but seven (7) months behind schedule.

Jim's contract with the City is up soon. It is my understanding that he is seeking employment outside the area. With his uncertain availability in mind, I suggest the following:

- 1) Steve Johnson's presentation be scheduled as soon as possible and made with or without Jim Patterson's data. This will help to establish where we stand.
- 2) You contact Mr. Achen to obtain commitment that Patterson be retained through completion of the sewer separation report, and that we (county) will be notified of any deadlines associated with permit conditions for which the city has not already completed the necessary work.
- 3) Designate a county contact person to act as an "active liaison" with the city. The Cease & Desist coupled with the questions raised by plant personnel indicate a pattern of incomplete procedures or a lack of actual follow through.

Proper sewage treatment is a concern of many businesses. Those companies looking seriously at our area are apt to ask if we can legally accept and treat their wastes. Theoretically the answer should be easy to determine. However, the real scenario may be different. I doubt that any new industry wants to find out that our facility has been cited (twice already) for permit violations. I think this issue needs to be moved to a front burner!

cc: Mark Eckert
Dr. Kenneth Lampert
Steve Johnson