David,

Attached, you will find two separate bids intended to increase safety within the plant and reduce our liability due to unsafe conditions.

Currently, there are no handrails down the middle of the Dissolved Air Flotation (D.A.F.) walkway. As a result, to check the back end of the D.A.F. for proper functioning, operators are forced to either climb an unsecured ladder or walk down the middle walkway. This path has a large, chain-driven mechanism on one side and an open, empty tank on the other that is approximately 15 feet deep. If someone were to fall off the ladder or fall in either direction on the middle walkway, the liability to the city would be catastrophic.

The second bid is for steps at the Bisulfate contact chamber. Currently, operators must step up approximately 18 inches at the lowest point with no handrails to access the chamber. Access is required multiple times daily, every day of the week (including weekends), to collect samples and monitor the Effluent Sampler.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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