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RE: T-3-2022-16220- Attachment #7, Bull Run Filtration Facility Fire Protection Strategy, MWA Architects,
Dated June 29, 2023

Lisa,

I appreciate the Authors commitment to build their facility according to the requirements of the Building, Fire, and other Codes as required. The addition of a sprinkler system to the Maintenance Building has been a subject of discussion from early on. While it is a reasonable addition, they are correct it is not required by the Building or Fire Code.

Within the above referenced Attachment, the authors provide the following statement:

Fire protection at the facility is further enhanced by an extensive fire alarm system that includes numerous manual pull stations and smoke detectors throughout the facility. Additionally, the many cameras in and around the facility provide the round-the-clock operations staff (both on-site and off-site) with the ability to monitor the facility, evaluate potential threats, assess the need for responses to a variety of alarms, and direct those responses once the authorities have been dispatched.

The authors fail to recognize the requirement of the Fire Code and NFPA 72: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®, that alarms are immediately transmitted to a UL® listed monitoring station. Their stated use of "...operations staff (both on-site and off-site) ... assess the need for responses...", also known as alarm signal verification, is only permitted when required by the responsible fire department. The applicant cannot unilaterally decide to operate outside the requirements of the codes and standards. Once again, a representative for the applicant appears to be making assumptions based on incomplete information, facts, and knowledge. It is beyond their scope to make decisions that would delay the response of the Fire Department to an alarm activation. Even if it is proposed to limit the Fire Department's responses to the Facility.

Please let me know if you need more specific information,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Lewis".

Scott Lewis, Fire Chief
Cc: Board of Directors – Multnomah Rural Fire Protection District No. 10



T-3-2022-16220, Attn Lisa Estrin

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Good Morning Lisa,

I would like the attached letter to me part of the record for the PWB Water Filtration Plant.

If by chance I got this wrong, please let me know.

Stay Safe,

Scott Lewis

SCOTT LEWIS | Fire Chief

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