

From: Steve Zoet [mailto:szoet@northglenn.org]  
Sent: Fri 8/11/2006 3:38 PM  
To: Jack Ethredge  
Cc: Bud Elliot; Erik Hansen; Gary Jacobson; John Kirk; Margaret Emerich; Mike Gay; Noel Busck; Ralph Mitchell; Sheila Fushimi; jrobinson@co.adams.co.us; lpace@co.adams.co.us; Sheri Paiz; judysol@earthlink.net; David Allen; Gaye Monroe; Jim Miller; Jill Parsons; Kathie Novak; Michael Martin; Rosie Garner; Rick Lindsey; Susan Clyne; Jnlong@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us  
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

Dear Mr. Ethredge;

Thank you for forwarding this message to me from one of your concerned residents regarding the known odor issue that we are aware of and addressing at the City of Northglenn's waste water treatment facility.

To all, and especially to Ms. House, we sincerely apologize for the intrusion this odor has imposed on you and others in the surrounding and affected area. We assure you of our due diligence to resolve the matter in a timely manner. We believe that we are aware as to the reasons causing the odors and we do have a plan of action in place to attempt a successful resolve. The efforts surrounding that plan are detailed in a letter that will be sent to all households within the affected area as we know them to exist. In the event these efforts are unsuccessful, we will continue with other remedies until the matter is properly resolved. As noted in Mr. Ethredge's response, please feel free to contact me at the City of Northglenn to be kept apprized of our progress in the resolve of this matter. I have attached the letter dated August 7, 2006 from Northglenn Mayor Kathleen Novak to Thornton Mayor Noel Busck regarding the city's acknowledgment of the concern and our planned actions for those who may benefit by reading it. A similar letter will be going to all residents in the area as previously stated and will contain similar language, including our intended and already initiated actions.

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Northglenn and its staff, we do sincerely apologize for this temporary inconvenience and give you our assurance of as timely a response as we can provide. Some of the measures that will be taken will require some time to properly acquire, mobilize and put into affect so I appreciate the patience that will be required as this will not nor can be an over-night fix. However, I do wish to reiterate our intent and commitment to a timely response, initial actions of which are already occurring.

Thank you again for your anticipated understanding and patience as the City of Northglenn aggressively addresses this matter.

>>> "Jack Ethredge" <Jack.Ethredge@cityofthornton.net> 8/11/2006 1:50:47 pm >>>

Ms. Vessels,

My name is Jack Ethredge and I am the City Manager and Utilities Director for the City of Thornton. Your 8/9/06 original message has been forwarded to me along with a series of actions that have occurred since that time. You will see below that a contact has been made with Mr. Jason Long of the Air Pollution Control Division, Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Prior to your message Mayor Busck contacted Mayor Kathleen Novak of the City of Northglenn concerning the problems that you related on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Attached you will find Mayor Novak's response. Northglenn Acting City Manager, Mr. Steve Zoet has also been contacted and is working with his Council and staff to provide relief to the situation.

The Northglenn Sewage Treatment Plant is not in the jurisdiction of the City of Thornton and the City does not have any regulatory authority over this facility. It is owned and operated by the City of Northglenn and under the state regulatory jurisdiction of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

We regret that you and other Thornton citizens are having this issue and we will continue to advocate on your behalf with the City of Northglenn and regulatory agencies. Deputy City Manager for Infrastructure, Mr. Bud Elliot, tells me that Mr. Mike Gay, Utilities Operations Manager, 720-977-6550, [mike.gay@cityofthornton.net](mailto:mike.gay@cityofthornton.net), is the contact person for this matter in the City. Mr. Gay will relate your input to others, such as Deputy City Attorney Gary Jacobson, when their assistance is needed in pursuing this matter as well as respond to your inquiries with the latest information that we have.

I suggest that if you send e-mails to Mr. Gay that you also copy Mr. Jason Long, [Jnlong@smtgate.dphe.state.co.us](mailto:Jnlong@smtgate.dphe.state.co.us), of the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, as well as the Northglenn City Manager Mr. Steve Zoet, [szoet@northglenn.org](mailto:szoet@northglenn.org), so that they will have first hand knowledge of the concerns. The more specific that you can be with regards to any problems, such as time of day, etc, will be helpful in all parties working toward a remedy to the current situation.

Mayor Busck, your ward Council members Mr Erik Hansen and Ms. Sheila Fushimi, as well as the balance of the City Council, are concerned and have directed the staff to work with other parties to improve the situation. As seen from the letter Mayor Kathleen Novak of Northglenn and the City of Northglenn are indicating their concerns and intentions to correct their systems that are creating this problem(s).

Sincerely,

Jack Ethredge,

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From: Bud Elliot  
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 7:01 AM  
To: Ralph Mitchell  
Cc: Jack Ethredge  
Subject: RE: FW: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

Thanks for the update. Will he respond when called? Or at least someone that can take the test? Yesterday I was up there and didn't smell a thing. I'm afraid that if he comes randomly, his findings may not reflect the actual problem, yet if he comes when we know that there is a significant odor problem, then there may be a violation.

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From: Ralph Mitchell  
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 6:56 AM  
To: Bud Elliot  
Subject: FW: FW: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

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From: Gary Jacobson  
Sent: Thu 8/10/2006 4:34 PM  
To: Mike Gay; Ralph Mitchell; John Kirk  
Subject: FW: FW: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

Mr. Long's response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason Long [<mailto:Jnlong@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 4:11 PM

To: Gary Jacobson

Subject: Re: FW: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

Gary,

I will investigate the latter part of next week by driving around the area of the plant. I have to tell you though that there may be an odor but it still may not be a violation of our Regulations. If it is strong though I will follow up with you and the plant on seeing what we can do to mitigate the situation.

Thanks,

Jason N. Long

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>>> "Gary Jacobson" <[Gary.Jacobson@cityofthornton.net](mailto:Gary.Jacobson@cityofthornton.net)> 08/10/06 10:34 AM >>>

Jason, this is Gary Jacobson from the City of Thornton, as you recall we have been discussing the odor that has been emanating from the Northglenn Treatment Plant over the last few days. Attached is another of the many complaints the City of Thornton has received regarding this situation.

I know that your stated position, with reference to enforcement of Regulation No. 2, is that you would prefer to coordinate efforts with the Water Quality Division's investigation; I wanted you to be aware that the odor has not been appreciably diminished. I will send this e-mail to the Water Quality Division as well but, is this enough for you to take action? If so, what would be your response?

You may e-mail me at, [gary.jacobson@cityofthornton.net](mailto:gary.jacobson@cityofthornton.net), or you may call me at 303-538-7210, thanks!

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From: Mike Gay  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 10:10 AM  
To: Gary Jacobson  
Subject: FW: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

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From: Tracey House [<mailto:traceyhouse@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 9:17 PM  
To: Noel Busck  
Cc: Mike Gay; judysol@earthlink.net; lpace@co.adams.co.us  
Subject: Stench from Northglenn Wastewater Treatment

Hello Mayor Busck,

I am writing to you again regarding the wretched stench that emits from the Northglenn Wastewater Treatment Facility. I know that you have some staff looking into this but I want to ask for further action. I appeal to you to do all that you can to help remedy this situation. The area that I live in, North Creek Farms, is greatly effected. As is the Larkridge shopping area. Quite frankly, sir, the northern portal to the city of Thornton stinks. I'm certain that you do not want this reputation.

Mike Gay has let me know what's going on but that is not enough. The stench is horrible tonight and I, once again, cannot venture outside or open my windows. I can state enough how sickening this is.

Again, I state that this has been going on for several months and I'm not smelling any improvement.

I am also concerned about the safety of what is being emitted into the air. I don't know if it's safe or not. I feel that you should be notifying state officials and reassuring your citizens that they are safe and that this ongoing problem is being addressed and that ongoing monitoring of this being done.

Imagine paying your hard earned money for your dream home and not being able to go out for a walk or have friends over for a barbecue because of the stench.

Please help!

Sincerely,

Tracey Vessels

Resident

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