Appendix A

Information Request Forms
DATA GATHERING REQUEST FORM

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   f. Typical RAS rates
   g. Sludge wasting rates
   h. Total plant sludge production

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   b. Chemical costs
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1. Request information about plant history (when first constructed, dates of upgrades).

2. What is the sewer service area? Are there any expected major flow increases?

3. Request information regarding plant staffing (number of employees, duties, any contract operations).

4. Request information regarding operating mode (number of tanks in service, etc).

5. Ask if there are any concrete plans to use any existing unused areas on the site?

6. Ask about operating concerns or problems (high flows, high loads, industrial flows, etc).

7. Ask if there are any upgrades that are currently in study or design phase?

8. Does facility currently nitrify in the winter even if not required (or is nitrification suppressed by taking tanks out of service)?

9. What kind of foundations are predominant on the site (piles, etc)?

10. Where are the samplers at the facility? Does the influent sampler include all in-plant recycle flows?

11. Take Photos of plant (sign, overview, etc).