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Gentlemen

Based on our review & testing of the polymer submitted, we recommend award of the Ashland product Drewfloc 2449. Our calculations show the Drewfloc to run \$80.07/ton in dewatering mode, and \$44.18/ton in thickening mode. The Sioux Valley Enterprises product ran \$92.30 / dry ton in dewatering mode, and \$58.48 / dry ton in thickening mode. The Hawkins product ran \$131.62 / dry ton in dewatering mode, and \$119.23 / dry ton in thickening mode. All three products were capable of producing product at the right percentage of solids, and with a reasonable degree of clarity to the centrate. I do recommend that we obtain additional samples of each product and conduct further testing this summer, as it may be possible to further optimize the results given enough time and product to work with. This will give us better information for the next annual bid.

Dave Van Cleave