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March 11, 2024

Deanna Schafer, City Manager
City of Reedsport
451 Winchester Avenue
Reedsport, OR 97467

Re: Pre-enforcement notice
Reedsport Wastewater Treatment Facility
2024-PEN-9041
NPDES Permit #100941, EPA ID OR0020826
File 74319
WQ-Douglas County

Dear Ms. Schafer,

DEQ has reviewed the sanitary sewer overflow report received on December 11, 2023. The SSO you reported had 3,000 gallons spill on December 6, 2023. The overflow occurred at a manhole near 1480 Highway Avenue and reached Schofield Creek.

City of Reedsport staff reported this SSO to OERS within 24 hours of becoming aware of the SSO. The reported cause of the SSO was rainfall in excess of the one in five year, 24-hour duration storm with a reported rainfall of 2.6 inches in the 24 hours prior to the SSO. However, NOAA data for the Reedsport area shows that the one-in-five year, 24-hour duration storm is 5 inches.

Violation

Based on this review DEQ has concluded the City of Reedsport is responsible for the following violation of its permit and Oregon environmental law.

OAR 340-041-0009(7) prohibits the discharge of raw sewage to waters of State during the period of November 1 through May 21, except during a storm event greater than the one-in-five year, 24-hour duration storm. This is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(c).

Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2) requires compliance with your permit.

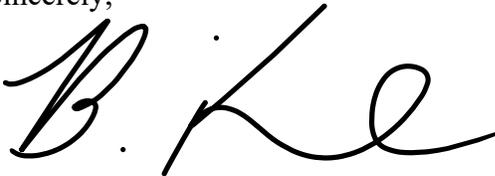
The discharge of improperly disinfected wastewater can pose a public health hazard. Contact with contaminated water can lead to ear or skin infections, and inhalation of contaminated water can cause respiratory diseases.

The violation listed in this notice is a Class I violation. Accordingly, this violation is being referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action. Formal enforcement action may result in assessment of a civil penalty and/or DEQ order. Civil penalties can be assessed for each day of violation.

If you believe any of the facts in this pre-enforcement notice are in error, you may provide information to me at the office at the address shown at the top of this letter. DEQ will consider the new information you submit and take appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at brenda.kuiken@deq.oregon.gov or by phone at (503) 893-0924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Kuiken', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

cc: DEQ Salem Office file

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