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April 25, 2024

Steve Dahl, City Administrator
City of Dundee
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Re: Warning Letter
Dundee STP
2024-WLOC-9257
NPDES Permit #101722, EPA ID OR0023388
File 25567
WQ-Yamhill County

Dear Mr. Dahl,

DEQ has reviewed the sanitary sewer overflow report received on January 31, 2024. The SSO reported had 4,468,000 gallons spill between January 23-31, 2024. The overflow occurred at the treatment plant at 23310 NE Fulquartz Landing Road.

This SSO was reported to OERS within 24 hours of the City becoming aware of the SSO. The reported cause of the SSO was heavy rains which overburdened the system with 1.48 inches of rainfall reported in the 24 hours prior to the SSO. NOAA data for the Dundee area shows that the one-in-five year, 24-hour duration storm is 3 inches.

Violation

Based on this review DEQ has concluded the City of Dundee 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 treated and 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.

Requested Corrective Actions

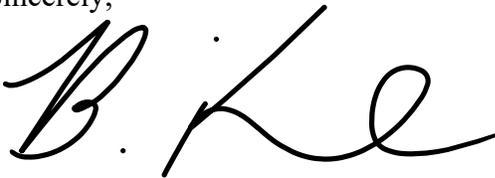
1. Schedule D condition 1 of the permit requires the City of Dundee to submit an annual inflow and infiltration report which details activities performed in the previous year to identify and reduce inflow and infiltration. It does not appear that the City of Dundee is taking an active stance on reducing sources of inflow and infiltration. The City of Dundee should have an on-going collection system maintenance program that will reduce inflow and infiltration. The resulting reduced flow to the treatment plant MBRs should lower the chance of membrane fouling during the wet weather season.

This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you repeat this violation, the matter may be referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or a DEQ order. Civil penalties can be assessed for each day of violation.

If you believe any of the facts in this letter are in error, you may provide information to me at the address shown at the top of this letter by May 30, 2024. I will consider any 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

ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ
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