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May 6, 2024

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RE: **Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct**
City of Maupin
NPDES permit # 102274/ WQ file # 53633
EPA OR ID# OR0022678
2024-WLOTC-9284
WQ – Wasco County

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) completed an audit of the discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) submitted by the City of Maupin in accordance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit #102274. Based on a review of the city's self-reported non-compliance report, DEQ has documented the following violations of your permit.

Violation #1: Failure to Monitor

In accordance with Schedule B, Table B3, of the NPDES permit, the City of Maupin is responsible for the following monitoring and reporting violations:

Item or Parameter	Units	Time Period	Minimum Frequency	Sample Type/Required Action	Report Statistic
Dissolved Oxygen (00300)	mg/L	Third year of permit cycle (2024)	Quarterly	Grab	1. Quarterly Minimum
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) (00625)	mg/L	Third year of permit cycle (2024)	Quarterly	Grab	1. Quarterly Maximum

Nitrate Plus Nitrite (NO ₃ +NO ₂) Nitrogen (00630)	mg/L	Third year of permit cycle (2024)	Quarterly	Grab	1. Quarterly Maximum
Oil and Grease (00556)	mg/L	Third year of permit cycle (2024)	Quarterly	Grab	1. Quarterly Maximum
Total Phosphorus (00665)	mg/L	Third year of permit cycle (2024)	Quarterly	Grab	1. Quarterly Maximum
Total Dissolved Solids (70295)	mg/L	Third year of permit cycle (2024)	Quarterly	Grab	1. Quarterly Maximum

The City did not monitor for the above parameters during the first quarter of 2024 and provided notification of the missed monitoring via phone call to DEQ on 4/17/2024.

In accordance with DEQ’s Enforcement Rules, failing to collect monitoring data required in Schedule B of the permit is a class I violation (OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o)). The parameters that were failed to monitor for do not have an associated Schedule A limit. There are six violations of this type. Class I violations are considered to be the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious.

Required Corrective Action

1. The city must ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued NPDES permit including conducting all monitoring and reporting requirements in Schedule B.
2. The city must complete resampling for the missed parameters during the first quarter of 2025.

This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you repeat any of these violations or fail to complete the required corrective action, 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 Warning Letter are in error, you may provide information to me. I will consider any new information you submit and take appropriate action. If you have any questions, please contact me at stuart.blois@deq.oregon.gov or at 541-714-0035.

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Sincerely,

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