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May 31, 2024

Brian Asher, Mayor
City of Aurora
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct
Aurora Sewage Treatment Plant
2024-WLOTC-9334
NPDES Permit #101772, EPA ID OR0043991
File 110020
WQ-Marion County

Dear Mr. Asher,

DEQ has completed a records review for City of Aurora to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101772, issued to City of Aurora, on June 24, 2022. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records from June 2021 through April 2024. City of Aurora has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR.

Schedule A Violations

The City of Aurora violated the following limits in Schedule A of the permit per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).

Monitoring Period	Limit	Reported Value	Percentage Over Limit	Violation Class
March 2023	BOD loading, monthly average, 30 lb/day	33.0 lb/day	10%	III
April 2023	BOD concentration, monthly average, 30 mg/L	32.6 mg/L	9%	III
March 2024	BOD loading, monthly average, 30 lb/day	33.0 lb/day	10%	III

Schedule B Violations

1. The City of Aurora failed to submit a Sludge Depth Survey Report by 03/15/2024, the due date listed in Table B1. This is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).

2. The City of Aurora failed to collect monitoring in the 2nd quarter of 2024 for alkalinity and iron as listed in Table B3 of the permit. This is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).

Requested Corrective Actions

1. Submit the scheduled date of the sludge depth survey by June 15, 2024.
2. Complete the sludge depth survey no later than October 1, 2024, and submit final results no later than October 31, 2024.
3. Continue monitoring for alkalinity and iron for a minimum of eight quarters as directed by the permit in Table B3 Note d.

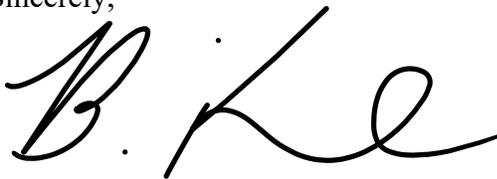
Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

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, 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 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,



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