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May 31, 2024

Briana Parra-Olkowski  
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Re: Warning Letter  
Halsey Sewage Treatment Plant  
2024-WL-9335  
NPDES Permit #101297, EPA ID OR0022390  
File 36320  
WQ-Linn County

Dear Ms. Parra-Olkowski,

DEQ has completed a records review for City of Halsey to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101297, issued to City of Halsey, on November 9, 2012. The findings are summarized below.

### Records Review

I reviewed records from February 2015 through April 2024. City of Halsey has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR.

### Schedule A Violations

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

Monitoring Period	Parameter	Reported Value	Violation Class
February 2024	TSS Percent Removal Efficiency	62%	III
January 2024	BOD Percent Removal Efficiency	54%	III
January 2023	TSS Percent Removal Efficiency	53%	III
March 2022	TSS Percent Removal Efficiency	35%	III
January 2022	TSS Percent Removal Efficiency	48%	III
February 2019	BOD Percent Removal Efficiency	54%	III
February 2019	TSS Percent Removal Efficiency	22%	III
January 2019	TSS Percent Removal Efficiency	51%	III

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

Monitoring Period	Parameter	Reported Value	Limit	Less than factor of 5?	Violation Class
January 2024	Single sample, <i>e. coli</i>	687	406	Yes	III
December 2022	Single sample, <i>e. coli</i>	777	406	Yes	III

### Schedule B Violations

1. The City of Halsey failed to collect monitoring for BOD and TSS on April 30, 2024. This is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).

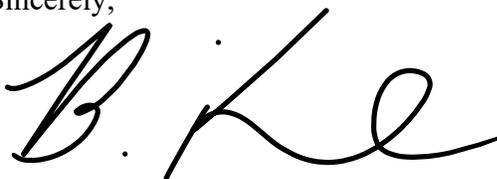
Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

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](mailto:brenda.kuiken@deq.oregon.gov) or by phone at (503) 893-0924.

Sincerely,



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