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September 9, 2024

Faye Stewart, Public Works & Development Director
City of Cottage Grove
400 E. Main Street
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Re: Warning Letter
Cottage Grove Sewage Treatment Plant
2024-9526
NPDES Permit #101300, EPA ID OR0020559
File 20306
WQ-Lane County

Dear Mr. Stewart,

DEQ has completed a records review for City of Cottage Grove to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101300, issued to City of Cottage Grove, on January 13, 2011. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records from August 2023 through July 2024. City of Cottage Grove has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR.

Schedule B Violations

1. Schedule B Item 3b (Treated Effluent Outfall 001) of the permit requires the City of Cottage Grove to monitor for TKN one time per week from May to October each year. The City of Cottage Grove failed to monitor for TKN for the first week of May 2024. Failing to collect monitoring data required in Schedule B of the permit is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).

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).

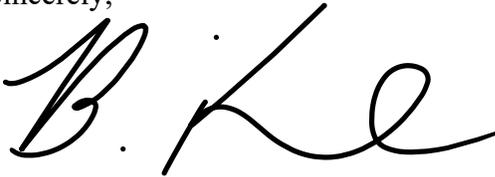
This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you repeat any of these violations, the matter may be referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or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

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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,

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

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

cc: DEQ Salem Office file

ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ
Oregon Records Management Solution
Craig Prosser, Wastewater Superintendent