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September 11, 2024

Chuck Rapelje  
Odell Sanitary District  
3700 Dethman Ridge Rd.  
Hood River, OR 97031

**RE: Issuance of NPDES Renewal Permit no. 100669**  
File no. 63062  
EPA no. OR0022471  
Facility: Odell STP, 3700 Dethman Ridge Rd., Hood River  
Hood River County

Your National Pollutant Disposal Elimination System Permit has been renewed and is attached. This permit is DEQ's final action on permit renewal application no. 948183. DEQ did not receive any public comments. No changes were made to the proposed permit.

Your permit is effective on 11/1/2024. Please read your permit carefully. Compliance with your permit is required at all times.

If you are dissatisfied with the conditions of this permit, you have 20 days to request a hearing before the Environmental Quality Commission or its authorized representative. A request for a hearing must be made in writing and state the grounds for the request. Any hearing will be conducted as a contested case hearing in accordance with ORS 183.413 through 183.470 and OAR chapter 340, division 011. If a hearing is requested, the existing permit continues in effect until a final order is issued.

Please note that your treatment system will need to be supervised by an operator with at least a Grade III Operator Certificate and the required operator certification levels are no longer listed on the face page of your permit. Pursuant to OAR chapter 340, division 049, your systems are classified as follows:

- Collection System: Class II
- Treatment System: Class III

If you have any questions about operator certification requirements, please contact the DEQ Operator Certification program at [opcert@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:opcert@deq.oregon.gov), call 503-229-5349 or visit the website: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Wastewater-Operator-Certification.aspx>. Current classifications for all systems requiring certified operators may be found at <https://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/opcert/Docs/OpCertReport.pdf>.

If you are interested in upgrading your wastewater treatment infrastructure or need assistance with treatment system design, DEQ's Clean Water State Revolving Fund offers below-market rate loans for qualified applicants to finance the planning, design and construction of water quality improvement projects. DEQ updates interest rates are updated quarterly and rates vary by loan term, type of loan and community economic conditions. DEQ works with borrowers to ensure access to the best rates available at the time of loan signature. To learn more about eligible water quality projects and application process, please visit the [Clean Water State Revolving Fund website at https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/cwsrf/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/cwsrf/Pages/default.aspx) or call 503-229-LOAN.

Please contact Justin Sterger at 541-714-0206 or [justin.sterger@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:justin.sterger@deq.oregon.gov) if you have any questions about your permit requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hiatt", written in a cursive style.

Mike Hiatt  
Water Quality Manager  
Eastern Region

Ec: Permit, Permit Fact Sheet, and BSMP  
EPA, E file, ORMS, WQDataCrew, DEQ Wastewater Operator Certification Program