



# Oregon

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September 30, 2024

Mr. Con Warn  
City of Jordan Valley  
PO Box 187  
Jordan Valley, Oregon 97910-0817

RE: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct  
City of Jordan Valley  
2024-WLOTC-9569  
**WPCF Permit No. 101379**  
Malheur County

Dear Mr. Warn,

The City of Jordan Valley's wastewater treatment facility is permitted under a Water Pollution Control Facilities Permit (No. 101379). In conjunction with the City's WPCF permit renewal process, DEQ conducted a compliance review of Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) and Annual Reports submitted to DEQ for the following monitoring period: January 2019 – August 2024.

Schedule B, Condition 1.a of the permit requires the facility to submit annual influent flow meter calibration verifications:

Parameter	Minimum Frequency	Type of Sample
Total Flow (MGD)	Daily	Measurement
Flow Meter Calibration	Annually	Verification
BOD	Quarterly	24hr Composite (See Note 1/)
TSS	Quarterly	24hr Composite (See Note 1/)
pH	Twice weekly	Grab

Based on this review, it has been determined that the City of Jordan Valley is in violation of the WPCF permit and Oregon environmental law for failing to submit flow meter calibration verifications for five (5) consecutive years:



## Violations

Date or Period	Violation	Class
2019 (due January 15, 2020)	Failing to timely submit a report or plan as required by rule, permit, or license, unless otherwise classified; OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).	II
2020 (due January 15, 2021)	Failing to timely submit a report or plan as required by rule, permit, or license, unless otherwise classified; OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).	II
2021 (due January 15, 2022)	Failing to timely submit a report or plan as required by rule, permit, or license, unless otherwise classified; OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).	II
2022 (due January 15, 2023)	Failing to timely submit a report or plan as required by rule, permit, or license, unless otherwise classified; OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).	II
2023 (due January 15, 2024)	Failing to timely submit a report or plan as required by rule, permit, or license, unless otherwise classified; OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).	II

Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious.

## Environmental Consequences:

Influent flow data are important in assessing collections system performance and tracking loading to the treatment system against established design capacity.

## Required Corrective Actions:

The City of Jordan Valley must complete the following corrective action:

- 1) By **January 15, 2025** the influent flow meter must be calibrated according to manufacturer guidelines. Please submit a report that a verification of the meter has been conducted to DEQ:

Anna Morgan-Hayes  
[Anna.morgan-Hayes@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:Anna.morgan-Hayes@deq.oregon.gov)

Should these violations remain uncorrected, or should you repeat any of these violations, this matter may be referred to the Department's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or a Department 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. The Department will consider new information you submit and take appropriate action.

The Department endeavors to assist you in your compliance efforts. Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me in writing or by phone at (541) 246-4562.

Sincerely,

Anna Morgan-Hayes  
WQ Permit Writer & Compliance Inspector

Cc: ORMS  
Mike Hiatt, ER Permitting Manager