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Mark Landau, Operations Manager
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Re: Warning Letter
Monmouth Sewage Treatment Plant
2024-WL-9649
NPDES Permit #101919, EPA ID OR0020613
File 57871
WQ-Polk County

Dear Mr. Landau,

DEQ has completed a records review for City of Monmouth to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101919, issued to City of Monmouth on August 26, 2020. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records from November 2019 through August 2024. City of Monmouth has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR. Based upon this review, DEQ has concluded that City of Monmouth is responsible for the following violations.

Schedule A Effluent Limit Violations

1. Schedule A, Table A1 of the permit requires City of Monmouth to meet a monthly geometric mean of 126 #/100 mL for *E. coli*. In December 2022 City of Monmouth reported a resample geometric mean of 1,833 #/100 mL. This is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).
2. Schedule A, Table A2 of the permit requires City of Monmouth to meet a monthly median of 23 total coliforms #/100 mL. In August 2024 City of Monmouth reported 2,420 #/100 mL. This is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(a).

Schedule B Minimum Monitoring and Reporting Violations

1. Schedule B Table B3 of the permit requires City of Monmouth to monitor for *E. coli* two times per week. City of Monmouth only monitored for *E. Coli* one time during the week of January 3, 2021. This is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).

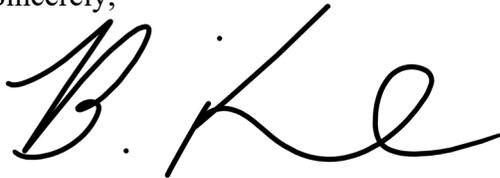
Please note that Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

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,

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

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

cc: DEQ Salem Office file
ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ
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