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January 2, 2025

Stephanie Pulvers, Stormwater Program Supervisor
Marion County and Brooks Community Sewer District
8600 Richland Ave NE
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct
Brooks Community Sewer
2025-WLOTC-9776
NPDES Permit #101397, EPA ID OR0033049
File 1000077
WQ-Marion County

Dear Ms. Pulvers,

On December 13, 2024, DEQ conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the Brooks Community Sewer District wastewater treatment process. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101397, issued to Marion County and Brooks Community Sewer District on November 1, 2021. The findings are summarized below. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report checklist that provides additional information.

Records Review

I reviewed records from January 2021 through November 2024. Brooks Community Sewer has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR. Based upon this review, DEQ has concluded that Brooks Community Sewer is responsible for the following violations.

Schedule B Violations

1. Schedule B, item 3c of your NPDES permit requires Marion County and Brooks Community Sewer District to develop and implement a written Quality Assurance Plan. Not having a plan that meets the requirements listed in the permit is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(d).

Requested Corrective Actions:

By April 1, 2025, please submit documentation that the following issues have been corrected:

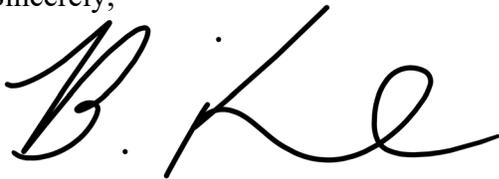
1. Develop and implement a written Quality Assurance/Quality Control plan that details the facility sampling procedures, equipment calibration and maintenance, analytical methods, quality control activities and laboratory data handling and reporting. The QA/QC program must conform to the requirements of 40 CFR 136.7 and include the following:
 - a. Chlorine: A chlorine standard solution must be used to calibrate the Hach meter.

This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you fail to submit documentation that the corrective actions have been completed by the date requested or 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 with opportunity to correct 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

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