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January 2, 2025

Allen Dahlberg, Public works Director
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct
City of Mt. Angel STP
2025-WLOTC-9774
NPDES Permit #101802, EPA ID OR0028762
File 58707
WQ-Marion County

Dear Mr. Dahlberg

DEQ has reviewed the sanitary sewer overflow report received on December 20, 2024. The SSO reported about 7,000 gallons spilled between December 15 and December 20, 2024. The property occupants noticed the spill about 5 days prior to notifying the city. The overflow left the sewer main at a manhole in the yards of units 45 and 46 at 830 N Main Street, and affected the ground near these dwellings, the storm system, and possibly reached the Pudding River

City of Mt. Angel staff reported this SSO to OERS within 24 hours of becoming aware of the SSO. The reported cause of the SSO was a blockage in the line.

Violation

Based on this review DEQ has concluded the City of Mt. Angel is responsible for the following violation of its permit and Oregon environmental law.

Schedule F, section B, condition 6(b) of the permit prohibits all overflows. The SSO reached waters of the United States and therefore is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(a).

Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2) requires compliance with your permit.

Requested Corrective Actions

1. Schedule F, section B, condition 1 requires proper operation and maintenance of all facilities and systems of treatment control (and related appurtenances). Maintenance of the collection system is needed to maintain the integrity of the pipes and should be inspected or cleaned at least once every five years. Trouble spots in the collection system

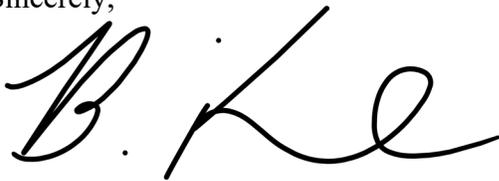
should be identified and either repaired or cleaned more frequently as appropriate. Trouble spots include sections downstream from restaurants(s), and other potential major sources of grease, sections that have low spots or low slopes, back yard lines, etc. City of Mt. Angel needs to develop and submit a collection system maintenance program for DEQ approval by April 1, 2025.

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

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