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January 8, 2025

Nicole Tritten, City Recorder  
City of Westfir  
PO Box 296  
Westfir, OR 97492

Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct  
Westfir Wastewater Treatment Facility  
2025-WLOTC-9782  
NPDES Permit #100811, EPA ID OR0028282  
File 94805  
WQ-Lane County

Dear Ms. Tritten,

DEQ has completed a records review for the City of Westfir to determine compliance with the conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 100811, issued on November 5, 2010. The findings are summarized below.

### Records Review

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

### Schedule A Violations

1. Schedule A condition 3 of your NPDES permit requires the city to meet a single sample for *E. coli* bacteria of 406 organisms per 100 mL. On November 27, 2024, the city reported 1200 organisms per 100 mL. This is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(a).

**Requested Corrective Actions:**

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

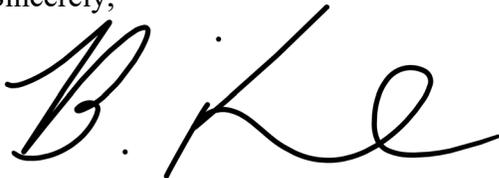
1. Develop and implement a written standard operating procedure to ensure that the quantity of solids within the treatment process does not interfere with the quality of effluent discharged.
2. Develop and implement a UV system cleaning schedule to ensure proper operation.

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](mailto: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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