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January 17, 2025

Allen Dahlberg, Public works Director  
City of Mt. Angel  
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct  
City of Mt. Angel STP  
2025-WLOTC-9800  
NPDES Permit #101802, EPA ID OR0028762  
File 58707  
WQ-Marion County

Dear Mr. Dahlberg

DEQ has reviewed the sanitary sewer overflow report received on January 10, 2025. The SSO report documented less than 500 gallons spilled on Monday, January 6, 2025. 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, but did not reach waters of the state.

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(c) of the permit prohibits all non-storm related overflows except in specifically defined circumstances. This overflow did not meet any of these conditions. This is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(c).

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).

### **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). Mt Angel is in the process of developing a collection system maintenance program for DEQ approval by April 1, 2025. Please advise DEQ by January 31, 2025, if the city will not be able to meet this schedule.

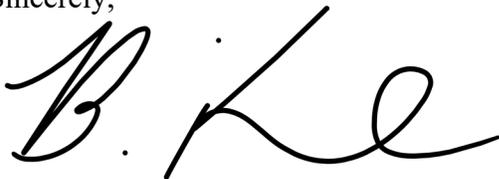
2. Mt Angel should televisive the line to ensure that the grease blockage is completely removed and that there are no structural issues causing excess grease to build up in this pipe. The city should also review the upstream users of this line to make sure that none are contributing excess grease to the system. For example, a restaurant that does not have a grease trap. TV work should be completed 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](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, cursive script.

Brenda Kuiken  
WQ Compliance Specialist

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