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January 22, 2025

Willie Worman, Mayor
City of Siletz
PO Box 318
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Re: Pre-Enforcement Notice
Siletz Wastewater Treatment Plant
2025-PEN-9808
NPDES Permit #101680, EPA ID OR0020419
File 81276
WQ-Lincoln County

Dear Mr. Worman,

DEQ has completed a records review for the City of Siletz to determine compliance with the conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101680, issued on September 18, 2023. 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 Effluent Limit Violations

1. Schedule A Condition 1 of the permit requires the city to meet a minimum pH of 6.0 S.U. On November 8, 2024, the city reported a minimum pH of 5.1. This is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).
2. Schedule A Condition 1 of the permit requires the city to meet percent removal efficiency of 85% for cBOD₅. In November 2024 the city reported a % removal of 83%. This is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(c).

Schedule B Violations

3. Schedule B condition 3.b Table B3 of the permit requires the city to monitor for total ammonia as N weekly during May through October. The city failed to monitor for two weeks during the month of May 2024. Failure to monitor for a pollutant that has an effluent limit in your permit is a Class I violation per OAR340-012-0055(1)(o).

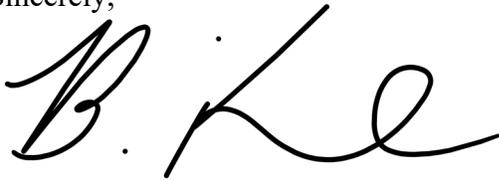
Please note that Class I violations listed in the attached tables are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

These are serious violations and, accordingly, they are being referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action. Formal enforcement action may result in assessment of a civil penalty and/or DEQ order. Civil penalties can be assessed for each day of violation.

If you believe any of the facts in this pre-enforcement 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
Oregon Records Management Solution
Theodore LePine, Plant Operator