

March 7, 2025

Justin W. Sterger
Senior Water Quality Permit Writer
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
475 NE Bellevue Dr., Suite 110
Bend, OR 97701

RE: Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) – Reporting Form WPCFP Permit #102295, File No. 48780

Dear Mr. Sterger,

On March 4, 2025, Lamb Weston notified DEQ of a sanitary sewer overflow event that occurred on March 3, 2025, initiating at 4pm and ending at 6pm under Water Pollution Control Facility Permit (WPCF) 102295. As requested, below is the summary of the events and attached are the SSO Report (Attachment A), incident pictures (Attachment B), and site overview map (Attachment C).

Summary of events:

- Umatilla Electric Cooperative notified Lamb Weston (electrical team) that power would be shut off the week prior for repair work located near security shed / Baker's Acres.
- On March 3rd 2025, repair work initiated at 9am and completed at 1 pm.
- The treated effluent pumps from the decentralized wastewater treatment system (DWTS) continued to operate because of still having power at that location (reference site overview map – Attachment C).
- From DWTS, the disinfected effluent is pumped to a 3,000-gallon dosing tank at Baker's Acres (reference site overview map – Attachment C).
- From this tank, the treated effluent is land applied via sub-surface drip irrigation via 6 dosing tank pumps.
- It was unknown to the Lamb Weston electrical team that the power outage to the shed would cause power loss to the six pumps housed in the 3,000-gallon dosing tank.
- In addition, it was not known that the sub-surface drip irrigation pumps require restarting on the HMI after a power outage.
- This caused an overflow of treated wastewater from the dosing tank lids onto the nearby soil.
- HMI history showed a high alarm at 4 pm, with Lamb Weston Water Treatment personnel locating the overflow during their routine inspection at 6 pm.

Lamb Weston estimates the overflow volume to be around 394 gallons of treated sanitary wastewater.

Corrective Actions:

Due to the overflow being treated wastewater and near land application infrastructure, as discussed during notification, remediation was limited to fencing off the area to prevent exposure and allowing the area to dry out. Communication was made to the Water Treatment team of the fenced area and caution for working in the area.

Communication with site electricians regarding the incident was discussed and future electrical work impacting near the land application area will be communicated and planned with the Water Treatment department to ensure

adequate measures are in place to minimize the potential for a similar event. Lamb Weston has also communicated to the Third-Party Security Contractor, who is located near the land application area, to monitor the light stack and alarm for potential high levels in the area and to notify appropriate personnel for proper response.

If you have any questions regarding this release or report, please contact our Environmental Manager, Jared Murrey, at jared.murrey@lambweston.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Crawford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Crawford" clearly distinguishable.

Brian Crawford
Plant Manager

cc: Jarod Cook, Lamb Weston Inc, Director of Natural Resources Conservation
Kayla Boylan, Lamb Weston Inc, Manager Corporate EHS
Jared Murrey, Lamb Weston Inc, Environmental Manager

Attachment A
SSO Reporting Form (Page 1)



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
SSO Reporting Form



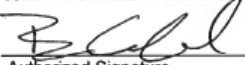
This information must be submitted within 5 days of becoming aware of the overflow.
Please complete online and print for signature. Be sure to fill out all fields.

FACILITY/CONTACT INFORMATION		
Name of Permittee: Lamb Weston Inc		
Contact Name: Jared Murrey		
Phone:	Email:	County:
458.235.2344	jared.murrey@lambweston.com	Umatilla
DEQ Permit # (see permit face page): 102295		DEQ File #: 48780
OERS Incident #: N/A	Date Reported to OERS: N/A	
Date Reported To DEQ: 3/4/2025	Today's Date: 3/7/2025	
Date SSO Started (if known): 3/3/2025	Time Started (if known): 4:00 pm	
Date SSO Stopped (if known): 3/3/2025	Time Stopped (if known): 6:00 pm	
SSO Location: Other (explain): Baker's Acres Pump Station Tank		
SSO Nearest Address: 78153 Westland Rd		
City: Hermiston	Zip Code: 97838	
SSO Latitude (if known): 45 48 17 N	Longitude (if known): 119 22 14 W	
Estimate of Quantity Overflowed: 394		(Gallons) Link to estimation method
Did the SSO discharge to surface water? No		
Name of waterbody: N/A		
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION		
Notified downstream drinking water sources (List Below)? Yes		
Name of drinking water facility: Lamb Weston Inc		
Signs Posted? No		
Media contacted? No		
Who? N/A		
List any other steps taken to notify the public or state/federal agencies: N/A		
CAUSES		
Cause or suspected cause of the overflow: Power Outage <i>If needed, attach additional sheets</i> Reference cover letter		
Rainfall in the 24 hours prior to SSO (for storm-related overflows): 0		(inches)
Source of rainfall data: MesoWest Surface Weather Maps <i>If needed, attach additional sheets</i>		

Attachment A
SSO Reporting Form (Page 2)

1-in-5 year 24 hour rainfall for the sewerage system area (if known):		(in/24hr)
EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND MITIGATION		
List actions taken to stop and mitigate the impact of the SSO.		
For overland flow:	Taped off affected area? Yes	
	Cleaned up affected area? N/A	
For SSO to surface water:	Bacteria samples taken to confirm impact? N/A	
	Follow up bacteria samples taken to confirm end of impact? N/A	
Describe monitoring and results: N/A		
For SSOs that impact buildings:	Pumped out flooded buildings? N/A	
	Disinfected? N/A	
Other measures taken (describe): Reference cover letter		
Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent the reoccurrence of the overflow and schedule for those steps: Reference cover letter		
COMMENTS		

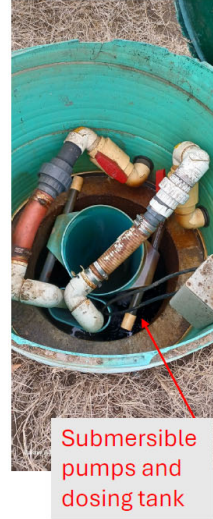
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 _____ Authorized Signature	03/07/2025 _____ Date
Brian Crawford _____ Name (print)	541-481-5640 _____ Phone Number

•You may attach additional information to this report before sending to DEQ as needed to explain the circumstances of the overflow. This information may include but is not limited to: maintenance records and bacteria monitoring results.

Attachment B
SSO Incident Pictures

Baker's Acres Pump Station Tank – Sanitary Sewer Overflow (3/3/25)



Attachment C
Site Overview

Site Location Map for Lamb Weston Hermiston

