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May 6, 2025

Dan Sheets, Mayor
664 Commercial Street
Monroe, OR 97456-8403

Re: Warning Letter
Monroe Sewage Treatment Plant
2025-WL-5795105062025
NPDES Permit #101692, EPA ID OR0029203
File 57951
WQ-Benton County

Dear Mr. Sheets,

DEQ has completed a records review for City of Monroe to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101692, issued to City of Monroe on May 12, 2022. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records for February 2025. Based upon this review, DEQ has concluded that City of Monroe is responsible for the following violations.

Schedule A Effluent Limit Violations

1. Schedule A, Table A1 of the permit requires City of Monroe to meet maximum daily pH limits of 9.0 standard units. On February 4, 2025 City of Monroe reported a daily pH of 9.1 SU. This is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).

Please note that 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).

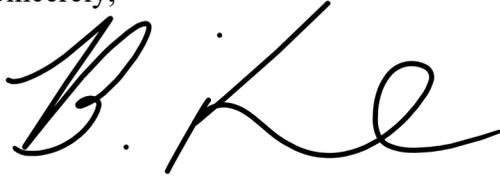
This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you repeat any of these violations, the matter may be referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or 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.

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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'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'B' and 'K'.

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

cc: DEQ Salem Office file
ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ
Oregon Records Management Solution
Chuck Scholz, City of Monroe DRC