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May 8, 2025

Rodney Goins, Board President
Century Meadows Sanitary System Inc.
11570 Blue Heron Lane NE
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Re: Warning Letter
Century Meadows Sanitary System Inc.
2025-WL-9601005082025
NPDES Permit #101721, EPA ID OR0028037
File 96010
WQ-Marion County

Dear Mr. Goins,

DEQ has completed a records review for the Century Meadows Sanitary System to determine compliance with the conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101721 issued by DEQ on December 28, 2009. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records from June 2023 through February 2025. Most of the DMRs have been submitted on time. There were a few submitted one day late.

- July 2023
- September 2023
- September 2024

Based upon this review, DEQ has concluded that the district is responsible for the following violations.

Schedule A Violations

Schedule A of the permit sets the waste discharge limits for Century Meadows Sanitary System, Inc. DEQ has concluded that Century Meadows is responsible for the following violations of its permit:

1. Failed to meet the total suspended solids concentration limit for the week of November 3, 2024. The weekly average TSS concentration reported was 56 mg/L which exceeds the permit limit of 45 mg/L and is 24% over the limit. Violating TSS concentration limits is a Class II violation if the discharge level exceeds the limit by 20% or more but less than 50% per OAR 340-012-0055-(2)(a).

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2. Failed to meet the single sample bacteria limit on December 13, 2024. The single sample reported was 1046 organisms per 100 mL which exceeds the permit limit of 406 #/100 mL by less than a factor of 5. Violating the bacteria limit by less than 5 times the limit is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).

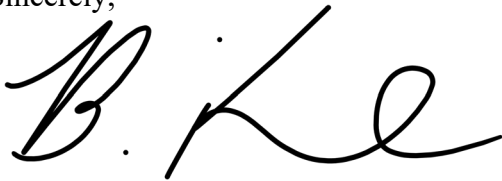
Please note that Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Century Meadows was cited for these same types of violations in August 2023 in notice 2023-PEN-8615.

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 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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