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May 27, 2025

Dann Cutter, City Manager
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Re: Inspection Report
City of Waldport WWTP
NPDES Permit #101149, EPA ID OR0034053
File 107816
WQ-Lincoln County

Dear Mr. Cutter,

On April 22, 2025, DEQ conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at Waldport's wastewater treatment facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101149, issued to the City of Waldport on March 30, 2020. The findings are summarized below. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report checklist that provides additional information.

Site Visit

I met with James Ledbetter, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and Mike Lee, Public Works Superintendent. Also present during the inspection was Jennifer Maglinte-Timbrook, WQ Compliance Assurance Specialist and Trinh Hansen, WQ Permits Coordinator. The plant is operated and maintained well.

Records Review

DEQ reviewed records from January 2022 through February 2025. The City of Waldport has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR. All DMRs are complete and include a daily data attachment.

Based on the inspection of the treatment plant DEQ recommends that the city make some corrections to the standard operating procedures and QA/QC plan as listed below.

Requested Corrective Actions

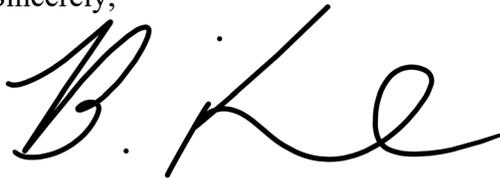
By September 1, 2025, please submit documentation that the following improvements to the facility plans and procedures are completed:

1. Repair or replace the influent composite sampler and ensure the sampler is set up with the ability to flow-proportion the sample.
2. Add thermometers verified against a NIST certified unit to both composite sample refrigerators and document the temperatures when in use.
3. Document the temperature of the laboratory refrigerator on a daily basis.
4. Update the laboratory QA/QC manual and ensure all the items from the inspection checklist (Page 8 of 19) are included in the document.
5. Replace the NIST certified thermometer for the laboratory.
6. Write dates of decanted pH buffers onto bottles. Ensure that the buffer solution is replaced weekly or sooner if needed.
7. Train a second person in electronic data entry.
8. Ensure the Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan meets the checklist requires as listed in the inspection checklist (page 13 of 19).
9. Create or document the CMOM program for the collection system. Ensure that all work completed is documented and available for review upon request.
10. Update biosolids management plan now that land application sites have been eliminated.

There are no violations to be noted at this time and the facility seems to be running as designed.

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
James Ledbetter, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
Mike Lee, Public Works Superintendent