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May 6, 2025

Stephanie Pulvers, Stormwater Program Supervisor  
Marion County and Brooks Community Sewer District  
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Re: Warning Letter  
Brooks Community Sewer  
2025-WL-10007705062025  
NPDES Permit #101397, EPA ID OR0033049  
File 100077  
WQ-Marion County

Dear Ms. Pulvers:

DEQ has completed a records review for the Brooks Community Sewer to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101397 issued by DEQ on September 29, 2021. The findings are summarized below.

### Records Review

I reviewed records from January 2024 through February 2025. Marion County has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR for the Brooks Community Sewer District.

### Schedule A Violations

1. Schedule A of the permit requires Brooks Community Sewer to a meet TSS loading limit of 130 pounds per month, 200 pounds per week and 260 pounds per day as averages. In December 2024 Brooks Community Sewer violated their permit as indicated in the following table.

**Table 1: Total Suspended Solids Load Limit Violations**

Monitoring Period	Limit	Reported Value	Percentage Over Limit	Violation Class
December 2024	Monthly average	141.5	8.8%	III
Week of Dec 15, 2024	Weekly average	283.1	42%	II
Dec 16, 2024	Daily Maximum	283.1	8.9%	III

Violating TSS loading 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); and a Class III violation if the discharge level exceeds the limit by less than 20% per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(a).

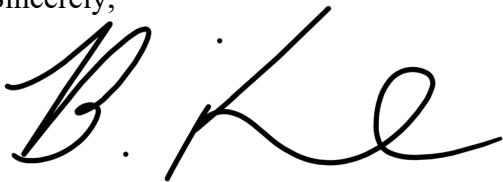
Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you fail to submit documentation that the corrective actions have been completed by the date requested or 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 with opportunity to correct 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](mailto: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

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