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May 15, 2025

Ginger Allen, City Manager  
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Re: Inspection Report  
City of Scio STP  
NPDES Permit #101503, EPA ID OR0029301  
File 79633  
WQ-Linn County

Dear Ms. Allen,

On March 19, 2025, DEQ conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at Scio's wastewater treatment ponds. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101503, issued to the City of Scio on December 27, 2011. The findings are summarized below. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report checklist that provides additional information.

### Site Visit

I met with Ko Knurowski and Scott Starkey with Public Works. Also present during the inspection was Kari Salerno, DEQ Office Specialist. The plant is operated and maintained well.

### Records Review

DEQ reviewed records from January 2024 through March 2025. The City of Scio 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:

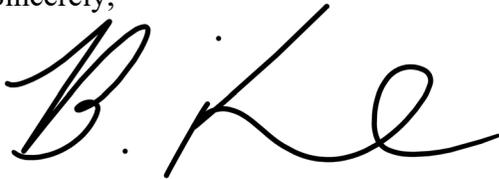
1. Develop a hauled waste plan. Any wastes that are removed from the collection system and deposited at the treatment facility needs to be included in the plan.

2. Determine the route of the floor drain in the chlorine building or close off the line to prevent spills.
3. Determine how effluent flow is measured.
4. Clean the effluent flume of organic material.
5. Change the influent composite sampler from 24-individual sample bottles to a large carboy sample bottle, if possible.
6. Document all sample temperatures and composite samplers when running.
7. Purchase distilled water or the equivalent to be used in the lab sampling procedures.
8. Update the QA/QC manual to include all the items listed on the inspection checklist included with this letter.
9. Purchase chlorine standards and implement the correct QA/QC procedures using them.
10. Calibrate all thermometers using a NIST certified thermometer.
11. Train a second person in the use of NetDMR. Plan to have at least two people with Responsible Official titles in YDO.
12. Create a logbook (bound or electronic) for all preventative and routine maintenance performed at treatment plant.

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](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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