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May 29, 2025

Jennifer Hayward, Director of Facilities Management and Planning
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct
Lane Community College
2025-WLOC-9896
NPDES Permit #102116, EPA ID OR0026875
File 48854
WQ-Lane County

Dear Ms. Hayward,

DEQ has reviewed the sanitary sewer overflow report received on March 21, 2025. The SSO reported had 12,000 gallons spilled on March 16, 2025. The overflow reached Russel Creek.

Lane Community College staff reported this SSO to OERS within 24 hours of becoming aware of the SSO. The reported cause of the SSO is possibly a cross connection from recent construction near manholes which discharge into the wastewater treatment system.

Violation

Based on this review DEQ has concluded that Lane Community College is responsible for the following violation of its permit and Oregon environmental law.

Schedule F, section B, condition 6(b) of the permit prohibits all overflows. The SSO reached waters of the United States and therefore is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(a).

Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2) requires compliance with your permit.

Requested Corrective Actions

1. Schedule F, section B, condition 1 requires proper operation and maintenance of all facilities and systems of treatment control (and related appurtenances). Determining the source of the clear water running through the manholes adjacent to the recent construction is imperative to determine if the system does have a source of inflow and infiltration as suggested on the SSO Reporting Form submitted to DEQ.

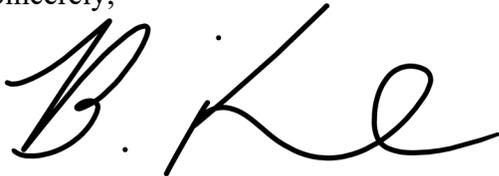
2. If an obvious source of inflow and infiltration is found, that should be corrected as soon as possible to prevent this same situation from happening in the future.

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

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