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Jason Wofford, Facilities Manager
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct
Yamhill Stabilization Lagoons without Aeration
2025-WLOTC-9905
NPDES Permit #101473, EPA ID OR0022802
File 99314
WQ-Yamhill County

Dear Mr. Wofford,

DEQ has completed a records review for the City of Yamhill to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101473 issued by DEQ on August 19, 2010. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records from January 2022 through April 2025. City of Yamhill has submitted most monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR. The April 2025 DMR was submitted one day late.

Schedule A Violations

1. Schedule A of the permit requires City of Yamhill to meet TSS loading limit of 94 pounds per day as a monthly average. In November 2024 City of Yamhill 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
November 2024	Monthly average	104.6	11%	III

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

Schedule F Violations

1. Schedule F condition A1 requires the City of Yamhill to comply with all conditions of the permit. One of those conditions is to correctly report discharge monitoring reports to DEQ. The City of Yamhill has failed to correctly report DMRs as listed in Table 2 below.

Failure to submit a complete discharge monitoring report is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(a).

Requested Corrective Actions

1. By November 1, 2025, please submit corrections to NetDMR as indicated in Table 2 of this letter.

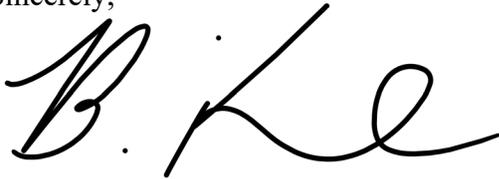
Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

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 or by phone at (503) 893-0924.

Sincerely,



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Table 2 – Incorrect Calculations and Reporting in NetDMR

Monitoring Period	Parameter	Reported Value	Correct Value	Violation Y/N
January 2022	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	8.0	5.5	N
January 2022	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	10.0	9.0	N
February 2022	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	6.0	5.5	N
February 2022	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	26.0	21.0	N
March 2022	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	5.0	4.7	N
March 2022	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	7.0	5.7	N
April 2022	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	6.0	4.5	N
April 2022	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	7.0	5.5	N
November 2022	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	4.0	3.0	N
January 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	9.0	6.5	N
Week of Jan 1, 2023	Effluent BOD loading, weekly average, lb/d	9.0	37.3	N
Week of Jan 1, 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, weekly average, mg/L	37.3	9.0	N
January 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	13.0	9.5	N
Week of Jan 1, 2023	Effluent TSS loading, weekly average, lb/d	13.0	53.9	N
Week of Jan 1, 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, weekly average, mg/L	53.86	13.0	N
February 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	6.0	4.5	N
February 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	7.0	6.5	N
March 2023	Influent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	0.2	302.7	N
March 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	15.0	10.3	N
March 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	15.0	10	N

Monitoring Period	Parameter	Reported Value	Correct Value	Violation Y/N
April 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	6.0	5.5	N
April 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	10.0	7.5	N
November 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	13.0	8.0	N
November 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	23.0	12.0	N
December 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	6.0	5.3	N
Week of Dec 17, 2023	Effluent BOD loading, weekly average, lb/d	6.0	24.0	N
Week of Dec 17, 2023	Effluent BOD concentration, weekly average, mg/L	23.95	6.0	N
December 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	4.0	3.7	N
Week of Dec 17, 2023	Effluent TSS loading, weekly average, lb/d	4.0	16.0	N
Week of Dec 17, 2023	Effluent TSS concentration, weekly average, mg/L	15.97	4.0	N
January 2024	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	6.0	4.5	N
February 2024	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	8.0	7.0	N
February 2024	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	10.0	7.5	N
Week of Feb 18, 2024	Effluent TSS loading, weekly average, lb/d	10.0	32.0	N
Week of Feb 18, 2024	Effluent TSS concentration, weekly average, lb/d	31.99	10.0	N
March 2024	Effluent BOD loading, daily maximum, mg/L	8.0	25.7	N
Week of Mar 17, 2024	Effluent BOD loading, weekly average, lb/d	8.0	25.7	N
March 2024	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	25.7	7.5	N
Week of Mar 17, 2024	Effluent BOD concentration, weekly average, mg/L	25.69	8.0	N
March 2024	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	27.0	17.5	N
April 2024	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	8.0	7.5	N
April 2024	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	23.0	16.0	N

Monitoring Period	Parameter	Reported Value	Correct Value	Violation Y/N
December 2024	Effluent BOD concentration, monthly average, mg/L	7.0	6.5	N
December 2024	Effluent TSS concentration, monthly average, mg/L	19.0	17.5	N