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July 03, 2025

City Of Tillamook
ATTN: Kenneth Oleman,
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RE: Warning Letter
City Of Tillamook
WL-2025-9889
NPDES permit #101239, EPA ID# OR0020664
WQ file #88665
WQ – Tillamook County

Dear City of Tillamook:

I recently reviewed the September, 2024 through December, 2024 discharge monitoring reports for the above referenced facility. City Of Tillamook of reported exceeding the permit limits for pH. The reported cause of these violations was not disclosed.

Violations

DEQ has concluded that City Of Tillamook of is responsible for the following violations of Schedule A your NPDES permit:

Date of Exceedance	Parameter	Limit	Result	Violation Class
November 18, 2024	pH daily minimum	6.0 SU	5.7 SU	3

The violation class for exceeding a pH technology based effluent limit is based on the amount that the limit was exceeded. Violating a technology based effluent limitation, except for removal efficiency, in an NPDES or WPCF Permit if the discharge is outside the permitted pH range by 1 pH unit or less. OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).

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

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This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you repeat this violation, 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 may 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 address shown at the top of this letter by July 15, 2025. I will consider any new information you submit and take appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in writing, at mark.bentz@deq.oregon.gov, or by phone at 503-869-8264.

Sincerely,


Mark Bentz

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