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July 24, 2025

Bobbi Price, City Manager
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Re: Inspection Report
Yachats Wastewater Treatment Plant
NPDES Permit #103001, EPA ID OR0020290
File 99260
WQ-Lincoln County

Dear Ms. Price,

On July 10, 2025, DEQ conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment facility for the City of Yachats. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 103001, issued by DEQ on December 1, 2023. The findings are summarized below. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report checklist that provides additional information.

Site Visit

I met with Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Department Lead. Exposed metal in a harsh salt-water environment like the one found at your facility means that more care is needed to keep items in good condition. I recommend the continuation of your plans to replace the corroded piping at the facility with this year's budget. In general, the plant is operated and maintained well.

Records Review

I reviewed records from May 2022 through May 2025. The city has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR.

Based on the inspection of the treatment plant DEQ recommends that the facility make the corrections listed below.

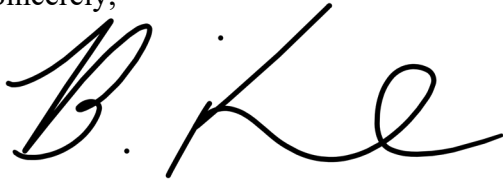
Recommendations:

1. Register a second person able to sign and submit DMRs in the absence of Dave.
2. Consider purchasing a secondary containment device for the polymer stored in the screw press area.
3. Add a "Training Requirements" section to the QA/AC laboratory manual.
4. Develop a written collection system maintenance plan.

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 or by phone at (503) 893-0924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Kuiken'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'B' and 'K'.

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

cc: DEQ Salem Office file

ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ
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Dave Buckwald, Wastewater Department Lead