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August 20, 2025

Dave Wilke, Wastewater Operator
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RE: **Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct**
City of Enterprise
2025-WLOTC-9944
NPDES permit #101659, EPA ID# OR0020567
WQ – Wallowa County

Dear Mr. Wilke:

The City of Enterprise (City) operates a wastewater treatment and discharge system under National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. 101659. The City is required to monitor for recycled water effluent in accordance with the NPDES permit, Schedule B4, Table B5.

Item or Parameter	Time Period	Minimum Frequency	Sample Type/ Required Action	Report
Quantity Irrigated (inches/acre)	April - October	Daily	Measurement	Annual Report
UV dose (mJ/cm ²)	April - October	Daily	Calculation based on UVI grab and average daily flow	Annual Report
pH	April - October	2/Week	Grab	Annual Report
Total Coliform (See note a)	April - October	Weekly (Class C)	Grab	Weekly median Annual Report
Nitrogen Loading Rate (lbs/acre-year)	April - October	Annually	Calculation	Annual Report
Nutrients (TKN, NO ₂ +NO ₃ -N, Total Ammonia [as N], Total Phosphorus)	April - October	Quarterly	Grab	Annual Report
Note: a. Calculations of the median total coliform levels in Classes A – C are based on the results of the last seven days that analyses have been completed.				

On July 22, 2025, the City submitted a noncompliance report stating that the facility overlooked sampling of recycled water during the second quarter (April – June) of 2025 for Total Kjeldahl

Nitrogen (TKN), Nitrite plus Nitrate (NO₂+NO₃-N) and Total Phosphorus (Attachment 1). These parameters are due to be sampled quarterly while irrigating.

Violation

DEQ has concluded that the City of Enterprise is responsible for the following violations of Oregon environmental law:

Date	Violation	Violation Class	Number of Violations
2025, Quarter 2	Quarterly (Q2) recycled water effluent monitoring for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) was not completed in accordance with Schedule B. Failing to monitor is a violation; OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).	I	1
2025, Quarter 2	Quarterly (Q2) recycled water effluent monitoring for Nitrite plus Nitrate (NO ₂ +NO ₃ -N) was not completed in accordance with Schedule B. Failing to monitor is a violation; OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).	I	1
2025, Quarter 2	Quarterly (Q2) recycled water effluent monitoring for Total Phosphorus was not completed in accordance with Schedule B. Failing to monitor is a violation; OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).	I	1

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).

Environmental Impact of Violations

Fulfilling the mandatory monitoring and reporting requirements is an important obligation. Without accurate data collection, the City, DEQ, and the public are unable to promptly evaluate the effectiveness of the City's treatment system and its impact on environmental and human health.

Summary

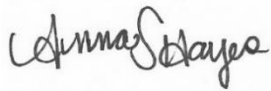
This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. Should you repeat any of these violations, the matter may be referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or a DEQ order. Civil penalties may be assessed for each day of violation.

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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. I will consider any new information you submit and take appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact me in writing, at anna.morgan-hayes@deq.oregon.gov, or at 541-278-4615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Morgan-Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anna Morgan-Hayes
Water Quality Permitting and Compliance
Eastern Region – Water Quality Permitting

cc: Alyssa Witt, Water Quality Permit Compliance, Eastern Region, DEQ
Mike Hiatt, Manager, Eastern Region, DEQ
Oregon Records Management Solution

Attachment1: Noncompliance Report Form, City of Enterprise, July 22, 2025



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Noncompliance Reporting Form

For all permit violations, including monitoring requirements.

Use this form to report all instances of noncompliance *except* sanitary sewage overflows. Fill out all fields and sign.
You may attach additional information to this report to explain the circumstances of noncompliance. This information may include but is not limited to maintenance records and monitoring results.

FACILITY / CONTACT INFORMATION		
Name of Permittee: City of Enterprise		
Contact Name: Dave Wilkie		
Phone: 541-398-2400	Email: dwilkie@enterpriseoregon.gov	Date: 7/22/2025
DEQ Permit #: 101659	DEQ File #: 27514	EPA ID #: OR.0020567
Has non-compliance been corrected?: ☒ Yes ☐ No		
Expected time noncompliance is expected to continue: No Continuation, has Ended.		
Date/Time Started: April 2025	Date/Time Stopped : June 2025	
Description of Noncompliance: During the second quarter of the year (First quarter of water being Reuse) Three samples were overlooked, the following samples were missed, TKN / NO2+NO3-N, and Total Phosphorus.		
AGENCY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION		
Was the non-compliance one of the following:		
- A noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment - An unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in this permit - An upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in this permit - Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation	Yes ☐	No ☒
	Yes ☐	No ☒
	Yes ☐	No ☒
	Yes ☐	No ☒
If yes to any of the above, complete the rest of this section.		
OERS Number:		
Signs posted? Where?:		
Media contacted? Who?:		
List any other steps taken to notify the public and/or state and federal agencies:		
CAUSE(S)		
Cause or suspected cause(s): Potentially a Manpower shortage played a part in this being overlooked, and the training of new personnel may also have had an involvement.		

Oregon DEQ Noncompliance Reporting Form

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RAINFALL DATA			
Rainfall (for storm-related noncompliance):	inches	Design Storm:	inches
Source of rainfall data:			
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS			
List actions taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.			
Actions taken (describe): Of the more than 600 yearly tests that are taken, more focus and attention will be given to the small amount of tests that are only taken during certain quarters of the year.			
Actions planned and schedule for those actions (describe): Potentially a shortage of manpower led to this error, the manpower to the department has already been increased to help avoid this challenge from any possible recurrence, and the responsibility of correct sampling has been shifted.			
COMMENTS			
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I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Dave Wilkie

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Authorized Signature

Dave Wilkie

Name (print)

Wastewater Operations Manager

Title (print)

7/22/2025

Date

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