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Shannon Baker, City Manager
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Re: Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct
Lakeside Wastewater Treatment Facility
2025-WLOTC-10048
NPDES Permit #100828, EPA ID OR0029998
File 48568, YDO Site RID 21355
WQ-Coos County

Dear Ms. Baker,

On September 23, 2025, DEQ conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at the Lakeside wastewater treatment facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the condition so Nation Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 100828, issued by DEQ on November 16, 2020. The findings are summarised below. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report checklist that provides additional information.

Records Review

I reviewed records from August 2023 through September 2025. City of Lakeside has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR.

Schedule D Violations

1. Schedule D Condition 2 of the permit requires the permittee to develop and implement an emergency response and public notification plan as listed in this section of the permit. Schedule F condition B8 and page 12 of the Inspection Checklist give guidelines to the information that must be contained within the plan. The City of Lakeside has not created this plan. Failure to complete a plan is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055 (2)(b).

Requested Corrective Actions

1. By December 31, 2025, please submit the Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan as described in Schedule D and F of your permit and including the list in the Inspection Checklist.
2. A NIST certified thermometer should be used to calibrate the thermometers used in both composite samplers and the laboratory refrigerator. The NIST thermometer needs to be

re-certified or replaced when its due date is reached. The calibration of the other thermometers should be conducted annually or the thermometers replaced as needed. Certification paperwork needs to be kept on file and readily accessible.

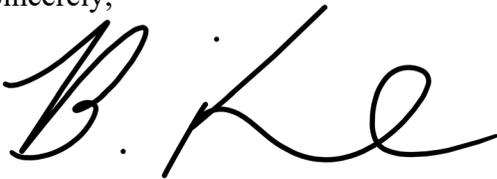
3. Update the written list of emergency contacts for the wastewater treatment facility.
4. Create and implement a collection system cleaning and inspection program. DEQ recommends that the entire system (less the STEP portion of the system) is cleaned and inspection once every five years.
5. Update QA/QC lab manual to include all items listed on page 8 of the Inspection Checklist.
6. Follow manufacturers recommendations for regular and preventative maintenance on the generator that will be installed at the new facility.
7. Ensure that recycled water in-use signs are visible and legible.

This notice is a warning letter with opportunity to correct. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Kuiken', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

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