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David Milliron, City Administrator
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Re: **WARNING LETTER**
North Bend Waste Water Treatment Plant
Oregon Emergency Response System report 2025-2333
2025-WL-10029
NPDES Permit #100703/EPA ID #OR0023361
WQ-Coos County
WQ File 61419

Dear Mr. Milliron:

On September 8, 2025 DEQ received a report through the Oregon Emergency Response System of a sanitary sewer overflow in the City of North Bend. The incident was assigned OERS number 2025-2333.

The overflow occurred at 3682 Tremont Avenue and was estimated at 300 gallons. The SSO reached the storm drain system and likely entered Coos Bay. The cause of the SSO was a grease blockage.

Violation

Sanitary sewer overflow (SSO)

SSOs are discharges not authorized by permit and are in violation of ORS 458B.050(a). They are Class I violations per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(c). 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).

Environmental Consequences

The discharge of improperly disinfected wastewater can pose a public health hazard. Contact with contaminated water can lead to ear or skin infections, and inhalation of contaminated water can cause respiratory diseases.

DEQ Response

This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, 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 can 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. DEQ will consider the new information you submit and take appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at andy.ullrich@deq.oregon.gov or at (541) 776-6189.

Sincerely,



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