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RE: **Warning Letter**
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla – ?Imtwaha Fish Hatchery
2025-WL- 10068
NDPES permit # 103227
WQ file #126275
FIS ID#: 310976
WQ – Umatilla County

Dear Mrs. Krajcik,

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation’s (Permittee) is permitted under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for the ?Imtwaha Fish Hatchery, NPDES Permit No. 103227.

Schedule B.1, Table B.3 provides effluent monitoring frequency requirements at Outfalls 001 and 002. Table B.3 requires the facility to monitor for effluent settleable solids at each outfall weekly. Schedule A of the permit provides average monthly limits for effluent settleable solids year-round at the outfalls.

Table B3: Outfall 001 and 002 Effluent Monitoring Requirements

Item or Parameter	Units	Time Period	Minimum Frequency	Sample Type/ Required Action See note a.	Report Statistic See note b.
Solids, Settleable (00545)	mL/L	Year-round	Weekly	24-hour composite	Monthly Average

The facility self-reported violations in a noncompliance report form on December 15, 2025 (Attachment 1), stating that effluent settleable solids samples were not taken from both outfalls Outfall 002 for one week in November 2025. All other weekly samples were monitored by the facility as required.

Monitoring Violations

Based on this review, DEQ has concluded that the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ?Imtwaha Fish Hatchery is responsible for the following two (2) violations of its permit and Oregon environmental law:

Monitoring Period	Violation	Class
November 16 – November 22, 2025 (1 week)	Failing to collect weekly effluent settleable solids monitoring data at Outfall 001 required in Schedule B of the permit; OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).	I
November 16 – November 22, 2025 (1 week)	Failing to collect weekly effluent settleable solids monitoring data at Outfall 002 required in Schedule B of the permit; OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).	I

Class I violations are considered to be the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious.

Environmental Impact of Violations

Fulfilling the mandatory monitoring and reporting conditions is an important obligation. Without monitoring and evaluation of data supplied by required monitoring, the facility, DEQ, and the public are unable to evaluate the effectiveness of the system. An ineffective treatment system can cause water quality impairments and/or public health hazards.

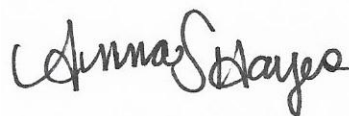
Summary

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 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,



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ?Imtwaha Fish Hatchery
December 18, 2025
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Oregon Records Management Solution

Attachment 1: Noncompliance Reporting Form [Outfalls 001 and 002], Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation Walla Walla Hatchery [?Imtwaha Fish Hatchery], December 15, 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: CTUIR Imtwaha Hatchery		
Contact Name: Jen Krajcik		
Phone: 541-429-7278	Email: jenniferkrajcik@ctuir.org	Date: 12/15/2025
DEQ Permit #: 103227	DEQ File #: 126275	EPA ID #: OR0044717
Has non-compliance been corrected?: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Expected time noncompliance is expected to continue: 1 Week		
Date/Time Started: 11/16/2025	Date/Time Stopped: 11/22/2025	
Description of Noncompliance: Failure to conduct/record settleable solids for both Outfall 001 and 002 the week of November 16, 2025.		
AGENCY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION		
Was the non-compliance one of the following:		
• A noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
• An unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in this permit	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
• An upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in this permit	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
• Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
If yes to any of the above, complete the rest of this section.		
OERS Number:		
Signs posted? Where?: N/A		
Media contacted? Who?: N/A		
List any other steps taken to notify the public and/or state and federal agencies:		
CAUSE(S)		
Cause or suspected cause(s): It is possible that the samples were run, but not recorded. Staff think they remember seeing the cones filled, but nothing is recorded on the data sheet for the week in question.		



Oregon DEQ Noncompliance Reporting Form

continued

RAINFALL DATA	
Rainfall (for storm-related noncompliance):	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> inches Design Storm: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> inches
Source of rainfall data:	
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	
List actions taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.	
Actions taken (describe): A conversation with staff has occurred, noting the failure to record, and instructing staff to slow down and follow the protocols.	
Actions planned and schedule for those actions (describe): None outside of checking that the data is recorded at the end of every day. Staff were given the suggestion of setting an alarm on their phone to remember to go back to the cones after the specified settling time and record the results.	
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.

Jennifer Krajcik Digitally signed by Jennifer Krajcik
Date: 2025.08.13 17:41:40 -07'00'

Authorized Signature
Jennifer Krajcik

Name (print)
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Title (print)

12/15/2025

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