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December 16, 2025

John Frieboes, Mayor
Levi Tickner, Designated Operator
City of North Powder
P.O. Box 309
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RE: **Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct**
City of North Powder
2025-WLOTC-10082
WPCF permit #103297
FIS ID #213445
WQ – Union County

Dear Mayor Frieboes and Mr. Tickner:

The City of North Powder (City) operates a sewage treatment facility permitted under Water Pollution Control Facilities (WPCF) Permit No. 103297. DEQ conducted a review of Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) and annual reports for July 2025 through October 2025.

Based on the review, DEQ has documented one (1) violation related to reporting and monitoring. This violation is described further in this warning letter with opportunity to correct.

Failure to Submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) Violations:

Schedule B, Table B1 of the WPCF permit requires the permittee to submit DMRs by the 15th of the month following the monitoring period. The permittee failed to submit a DMR for the month of October 2025.

Monitoring Period	Violation	Class	Number of Violations
October 2025	The permittee failed to submit a required report, OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).	II	1

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

Environmental Consequences

Fulfilling the mandatory monitoring and reporting requirements is an important obligation. Without timely submittal of reports with required monitoring data, the City, DEQ, and the public are unable to promptly evaluate the wastewater system.

Required Corrective Actions

The City must ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued WPCF permit, including all Schedule B monitoring and reporting requirements and complete the following:

- 1- **By January 15, 2025**, the City must submit a monthly DMR to DEQ for October 2025:
Until further notice, all WPCF DMRs should be submitted to anna.morgan-hayes@deq.oregon.gov and Alyssa.witt@deq.oregon.gov.

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 or fail to complete the required corrective action listed in this letter, this matter may be referred to the Department's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or a Department order. This is the second enforcement for a violation of this nature in less than 12 months. Civil penalties can be assessed for each day of violation.

If you believe any of the facts in this notice 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 at anna.morgan-hayes@deq.oregon.gov or at 541-246-4562.

Sincerely,



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