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February 11, 2026

Kyle Jentzsch, Public Works Director
City of Gervais
PO Box 329
Gervais, OR 97026

Re: Warning Letter
Gervais Sewage Treatment Plant
2026-WL-10116
NPDES Permit #101665, EPA ID OR0027391
File 33060, Site RID 21471
WQ-Marion County

Dear Mr. Jentzsch,

DEQ has completed a records review for City of Gervais to determine compliance with the conditions of DEQ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101665 with the issued date of December 21, 2011. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

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

Schedule B Violations

Schedule B of the permit requires City of Gervais to collect quarterly grab samples for nutrients when using Recycled Wastewater Outfall 002. The city failed to collect samples for nutrients in Q2 and Q3 2025. Failing to collect monitoring data required in Schedule B of the permit is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).

In the non-compliance report dated January 15, 2026, the City acknowledged this violation and listed their corrective actions. The city has updated the sampling plans to include clearer instructions for sample analysis and begun operator training to ensure future sampling events are not missed.

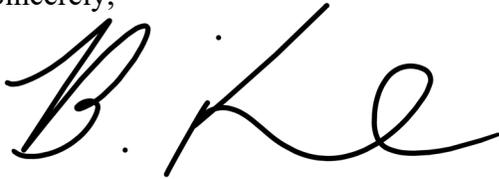
Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

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 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

cc: DEQ Salem Office file

ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ
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