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Rodney Goins, Board President
Century Meadows Sanitary System Inc.
11570 Blue Heron Lane NE
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Re: Warning Letter
Century Meadows Sanitary System Inc.
2026-WL-10122
NPDES Permit #101721, EPA ID OR0028037
File 96010 YDO Site RID 21410
WQ-Marion County

Dear Mr. Goins:

DEQ has completed a records review for the Century Meadows Sanitary System Inc. to determine compliance with the conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101721, issued on December 28, 2009. The findings are summarized below.

Permit Violations

DEQ has concluded that Century Meadows Sanitary System, Inc. is responsible for violation of its permit as follows. Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

Records Review

I reviewed records from June 2023 through November 2025. Century Meadows has not submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR.

Table 1: DMR Submittal Data

Schedule B of the permit requires that DMRs are submitted by the 15th of the following month.

Monthly DMR Due	Date Submitted	Number of days late
August 2023	8/16/2023	1
September 2023	10/16/2023	1
September 2024	10/16/2024	1

Failing to timely submit a report or plan as required by rule, permit or license is a Class III violation of the permit per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b).

Schedule A Violations

Schedule A of the permit lists the waste discharge limitations. Century Meadows violated these limits as shown in Table 2 and 3 below.

Table 2 – Total Suspended Solids Concentration Limit Violations

Exceeded monthly average and/or weekly average limits of 30 and 45 mg/L, respectively, as follows:

Monitoring Period	Limit	Reported or Corrected Value	Percentage Over Limit	Violation Class
Week of Nov 3, 2024	Weekly Average	56	24%	II

Violating TSS Concentration limit is a Class I violation if the discharge level exceeds the limit by 50% or more per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(k); a Class II violation if the discharge level exceeds the limit by 20% or more but less than 50% per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(a); and a Class III violation if the discharge level exceeds the limit by less than 20% per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(a).

Table 3 – *e. coli* Limit Violations

Exceeded the limits of 126 organisms per 100 mL, monthly geometric mean or 406 organisms per 100 mL for a single sample, as follows:

Monitoring Period	Parameter	Reported Value	Exceed limit by less than factor of 5?	Violation Class
December 13, 2024	Daily maximum	1046	Y	III

If the discharge exceeds a bacteria limit by a factor of five or more, it is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(a). If the discharge exceeds a bacteria limit by less than 5 times the limit, it is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).

Other Violations

Based on this review, DEQ has concluded that Century Meadows Sanitary System, Inc. is responsible for the following violation of its permit and Oregon Environmental law.

Page 1 of the NPDES permit states *Unless specifically authorized by this permit, by another NPDES or WPCF permit, or by Oregon Administrative Rule, any other direct or indirect discharge to waters of the state is prohibited, including discharge to an underground injection control system.* Discharging water from a location that is not listed as an outfall is a violation of this condition. This is a Class II violation per OAR 340-053(2).

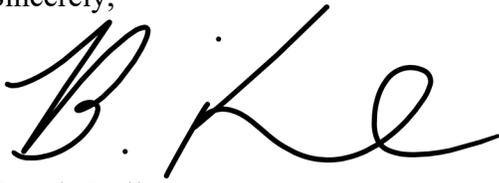
There were extenuating circumstances that led to CMSS, Inc. discharging treated and disinfected wastewater from this location. Prior to the time of discharge, CMSS, Inc. received approximately 10.2 inches of rain in a 96-hour period. Due to the extreme weather event the lagoons filled to capacity. CMSS, Inc. chose to pump fully treated and disinfected water from chlorine contact chamber into a spillway located near the property which leads to the Willamette River rather than let the berm around the lagoon erode by overtopping the pond.

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 pre-enforcement notice 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.

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