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March 4, 2026

Mike Solomon, General Manager  
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Re: Inspection Report  
Sherman Bros. Trucking Stabilization Lagoons  
NPDES Permit #101557, EPA ID OR0021954  
File 36646, Site RID 21432  
WQ-Linn County

Dear Mr. Solomon,

On February 5, 2026, DEQ conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment process for Diamond Hill LLC. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the conditions of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit number 101557, issued by DEQ on January 23, 2014. The findings are summarized below. I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report checklist that provides additional information.

### **Records Review**

I reviewed records from January 2023 through December 2025. Diamond Hill has submitted most monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR. The exceptions to this were: February 2025 was submitted 2 days late and August 2023 was submitted 10 days late. In general, the plant is operated and maintained well. However, there are some maintenance items that need to be addressed.

Based on the inspection of the treatment plant DEQ recommends that the facility make the corrections listed below.

### **Requested Corrective Actions:**

By November 1, 2026, please submit documentation that the following improvements to the facility plans and procedures are completed:

1. Register a second person able to sign and submit DMRs in the absence of Secret.
2. Remove vegetation from the tops and sides of the berms surrounding the ponds.
3. Start an annual calibration of the Hach pH meter and record those calibrations. The annual calibration should include calibration of the thermometer against a NIST thermometer.

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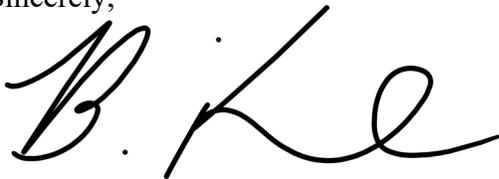
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4. Update O&M manual to include all the items listed in the Inspection Checklist. Please see page 9 of 19 for further information on what needs to be included in the manual.
5. Follow QA/QC guidelines for composite sampler set up and sample holding procedures.
  - a. Temperatures of all samples should be documented before, during and after sample collection to ensure QA measures are met.
  - b. Thermometers used in sampling procedures must meet the NIST standards.
6. Follow QA/QC guidelines for pH and chlorine residual sampling including using blanks, duplicates and spiked samples.
7. Chlorine standards should be purchased and kept on site.

There are no violations to be noted at this time and the facility seems to be running as designed.

If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at [brenda.kuiken@deq.oregon.gov](mailto: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  
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