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March 25, 2026

Vanessa West, Board Chair
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Re: Pre-Enforcement Notice
Mapleton STP
2026-PEN-10141
NPDES Permit #101392, EPA ID OR0032468
File 52830, Site RID 21571
WQ-Lane County

Dear Ms. West,

DEQ has completed a records review for the Mapleton Water District to determine compliance with the conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101392, issued on June 24, 2022. The findings are summarized below.

Records Review

I reviewed records from October 2025 through January 2026. The district has submitted all monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMR) on time in NetDMR. Based upon this review, DEQ has concluded that the district is responsible for Schedule A violations. The violations noted in this letter start from when the permit was transferred to the district on October 1, 2025. All future violations will be associated with the district.

Schedule A Violations

1. Table A1 of the district's NPDES permit requires the district to meet minimum pH limits. On December 19, 2025, the district reported a pH value of 5.4 S.U. which is 0.6 S.U. below the limit. When the discharge is outside the permitted pH range by 1 pH unit or less, it is a Class III violation per OAR 340-012-0055(3)(b).
2. Table A1 of the district's NPDES permit requires the district to meet a chlorine residual limit of 0.1 mg/L on a daily basis. On January 3, 2026, the district reported a residual value of 0.12 mg/L. This is a violation of your limit and is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(i).
3. Table A1 of the district's NPDES permit requires the district to not exceed a single sample for *E. coli* bacteria of 406 organisms per 100 mL. On November 2, 2025, the district reported a single sample of bacteria at 1,990 organisms per 100 mL and on

December 17, 2025, the district reported a single sample of bacteria at 14,100 organisms per 100 mL. These are Class II violations of your permit per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(a).

Schedule B Violations

Table B3 of the district's NPDES permit requires the district to sample for *E. coli* bacteria twice a month. In January 2026, the district reported only one sampling event. Failing to collect monitoring data required in Schedule B of the permit is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).

Schedule F Violations

Schedule F, section B, condition 6 of the permit prohibits all overflows. The district reported a sanitary sewer overflow on December 18-19, 2025, which released less than 15,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater into the Siuslaw River from a constructed overflow located at 10756 Highway 126. The district reported that this overflow was caused by a rainfall event that was less than a 5-year, 24-hour storm. DEQ determined that the 5-year, 24-hour storm is 6.0 inches for the district by reviewing the Western Regional Climate Center's Western U.S. Precipitation Frequency Maps. The rainfall reporting in this SSO was 2.76 inches. This SSO reached the river and therefore is a Class I violation per OAR 340-012-0055(1)(a).

Environmental Impact

Proper operation of a wastewater treatment system is an important element of protecting water quality. Improperly operated wastewater treatment systems have a higher potential for failure. Failure of wastewater treatment systems can cause water quality impairment and/or public health hazards.

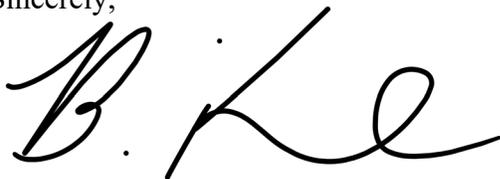
Referral for Formal Enforcement Action

These are serious violations and, accordingly, they are being referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action. Formal enforcement action may result in assessment of a civil penalty and/or 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.

Brenda Kuiken
WQ Compliance Specialist

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