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Randall A Reed, Elma Site Director  
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Dear Randall A Reed:

Re: State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST0005037 noncompliance notification

Our office has completed review of your January 2022 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). The DMR indicates your discharge did not comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements established in your permit. The following was not in compliance:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outfall Number</u>	<u>Monitoring Parameter</u>	<u>Sample Measurement</u>	<u>Permit Requirement</u>
Jan. 2022	001	Daily Max. Oil & Grease	62 mg/l	53 mg/l

Your permit requires you to report permit violations. The checked item below indicates if further notification is required regarding the above violation(s).

- ☒ No further action is required. You have already submitted a violation report or explained the cause of the violation in your Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). You have already complied with this requirement. **Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance: As a result of this incident, we are taking the following steps to prevent recurrence. 1) Communication of this event to Ascensus personnel. 2) Work with the permit renewal currently in progress with DOE Water Quality Program to develop an additional oil and grease limit that will be applicable only when the production facility is not operating and wastewater discharge is expected to be low. 3) Decant our tanks to prevent excess oil buildup.**
- ☐ You must submit a violation report immediately. You have not submitted a violation report for the violation and have not explained the cause of the violation in your DMR, therefore you are in violation of your permit. You may refer to your permit for more information about submitting a violation report.

Reports which do not comply with permit limits and/or monitoring requirements are treated as violations. If this letter is incorrect or you have questions or comments, please contact Marc Pacifico, at 360-522-6883 or by e-mail at MPAC461@ECY.WA.GOV.

The effluent limits established in your permit were derived considering the treatment technology employed at your facility, receiving water quality, the environmental impacts of your discharge, and statistical reliability associated with sampling and laboratory procedures.

Compliance Assurance is the goal of the Clean Water Act's self-monitoring program. The DMR is the principle tool used to enforce the self-monitoring program. Be aware of the importance the Department of Ecology (Department) places on complete and accurate DMRs and the legal implications they have for your facility. Noncompliance with the limits, monitoring requirements, terms and/or conditions established in your permit may result in formal enforcement action by the Department.

If you have any questions about your permit or need technical assistance with your facility or for completing your monitoring reports, please contact Aziz Mahar, at 360-763-2787 or by e-mail at AMAH461@ECY.WA.GOV.

Sincerely,



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Department of Ecology  
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