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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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July 20, 2016

The Honorable Carrie Roecks  
Town of Rockford  
PO Box 49  
Rockford, WA 99030

RE: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0044831  
Noncompliance Notification

Dear Mayor Roecks:

The Town of Rockford is out of compliance with NPDES Permit No. WA0044831, issued on October 30, 2013 and effective December 1, 2013.

Rockford must to resolve the following issue:

- **Electronic Reporting Requirement**  
Section S3 of Rockford's NPDES permit requires that discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) be submitted through Ecology's electronic reporting portal (WQWebPortal). In August 2015, Rockford started sending paper DMRs to our office. This is a violation of the NPDES Permit.

Please contact Shara Joy, the WebDMR contact at (509) 329-3455 or by email at [stra461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:stra461@ecy.wa.gov) if you have questions or would like one-on-one assistance with WQWebDMR. Shara can schedule a time for you to call in for help by phone, plan a visit to your facility, or set up a meeting at our office.

Ecology provides technical assistance to help communities learn how to use WebDMR, Ecology's web based reporting system. We have resources in the Eastern Regional Office available to your staff to help prevent future reporting errors. Additionally, we can provide an Excel spreadsheet that allows your staff to copy and paste data directly from the spreadsheet into WebDMR.

This warning letter is to make you aware of the importance the Department of Ecology (Ecology) places on complete and accurate DMRs and submittals, and the legal implications of noncompliance with the limits, monitoring requirements, and terms and/or conditions established in your permit.



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You can track your facilities compliance history using Ecology's permitting and reporting information system (PARIS) at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:300:573649137212010>.

Noncompliance may result in formal enforcement action by Ecology and puts the community at risk of third party litigation.

Please contact Michael Hepp, Eastern Regional Office Enforcement Coordinator at (509) 329-3536 or Shara Joy, Eastern Regional Office Permit and Enforcement Specialist at (509) 329-3455 if this letter is in error or if you have any questions regarding the Ecology enforcement process.

Please contact Rockford's permit manager, Eleanor Key at (509) 329-3519 if you have questions regarding the above violations or contact the Region's wastewater operator technical assistance provider, Andy O'Neill at (509) 710-3465 if you need technical assistance or have technical questions.

Sincerely,



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Eastern Regional Office

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