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Mr. David Hughes  
Hughes Farms  
13255 Farm to Market Rd  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-8706

Re: **WARNING LETTER:** NPDES Permit Number WA0991008, Hughes Farms

Dear Mr. Hughes:

This letter is to inform you that your June through September 2017 Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) were out of compliance with the conditions listed in your NPDES Permit.

DMRs were received late for the monitoring periods shown in the table below:

Monitoring Period	DMR Due Date	DMR Receipt Date	Days Late
May 2017	6/28/2017	10/3/2017	97
June 2017	7/28/2017	10/3/2017	67
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017	7/28/2017	10/3/2017	67
July 2017	8/28/2017	10/3/2017	36
August 2017	9/28/2017	10/3/2017	5

The DMR is the principal tool used to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. The Department of Ecology places great importance on timely submittal of complete and accurate DMRs. Further failures to comply with the conditions of your permit could result in Ecology taking formal administrative enforcement action, including issuing orders and penalties.

Please be sure to submit future DMRs to Ecology by the due date. Should you need an extension to submit DMR late due to unforeseen or unexpected reasons, please contact Ms. Jeanne Tran at (425) 649-7078 to request an extension so that permit violations can be avoided.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Onstad  
Enforcement Coordinator  
Water Quality Program

cc: Jeanne Tran, Ecology  
Central Files: Hughes Farms, WA0991008, WQ 6.4