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Mr. David Morris, General Manager
Pacific Coast Coal Company
PO Box 450
Black Diamond, WA 98010-0450

Re: **WARNING LETTER:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
Number WA0030830, Pacific Coast Coal Co.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) show that your facility was out of compliance with copper limits in 2018 according to your NPDES Permit Number WA0030830 (Table 1).

Table 1: Effluent Limit Violations for the 4th Quarter of 2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Monitoring Point</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Measurement</i>	<i>Max Limit</i>
October 1, 2018	FG	Copper	23 µg/L	14.5 µg/L
October 1, 2018	H1	Copper	15 µg/L	14.5 µg/L
November 1, 2018	FG	Copper	17 µg/L	14.5 µg/L

The DMR is the principal tool used to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) places great importance on timely submittal of complete and accurate DMRs. Non-compliance notifications are required by your permit. This part of your permit requirement has been fulfilled.

Ecology notes that exceedance of copper is a problem for your facility. Ecology requests that you address the root source of this problem and propose a solution to prevent future exceedances. Failure to comply with the conditions of your permit could result in Ecology taking formal administrative enforcement action, including issuing orders and penalties.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Onstad
Enforcement Coordinator
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