



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Northwest Regional Office • 3190 160th Avenue SE • Bellevue, Washington 98008-5452 • (425) 649-7000  
711 for Washington Relay Service • Persons with a speech disability can call (877) 833-6341

June 23, 2020

Mr. Steve Lenz  
Schenk Packing Co.  
8204 288th Street NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292-9525

Re: **WARNING LETTER** for State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST0005174, Schenk Packing Co.

Dear Mr. Lenz:

This letter is to inform you that your facility was out of compliance with the conditions in your industrial wastewater discharge permit as listed in Tables 1-3.

**Table 1.** Monitoring Violations from November 2019 to April 2020

Date	Outfall	Parameter	Violation	Units	Limit Type	Sampling Frequency
11/1/2019	1	BOD5	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Average	Monthly
11/1/2019	1	Oil & Grease	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Average	Monthly
11/1/2019	1	TDS	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Average	Monthly
11/4/2019	1	BOD5	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Max Daily	Monthly
11/4/2019	1	Fecal Coliform	Analysis not Conducted	#/100ml	Max Daily	Monthly
11/4/2019	1	TKN	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Max Daily	2/Month
11/4/2019	1	Nitrate + Nitrite	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Max Daily	2/Month
11/4/2019	1	Oil & Grease	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Max Daily	Monthly
11/4/2019	1	pH	Analysis not Conducted	S. U.	Max Daily	Monthly
11/4/2019	1	TDS	Analysis not Conducted	mg/L	Max Daily	Monthly
11/1/2019	01FA	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
11/1/2019	01GH	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
11/1/2019	01P	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
12/1/2019	01FA	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
12/1/2019	01GH	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
12/1/2019	01P	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
1/1/2020	01FA	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
1/1/2020	01GH	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
1/1/2020	01P	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
3/1/2020	01FA	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
3/1/2020	01GH	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
3/1/2020	01P	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
4/1/2020	01FA	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
4/1/2020	01GH	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
4/1/2020	01P	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
5/1/2020	01FA	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
5/1/2020	01GH	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly
5/1/2020	01P	Nitrogen (calculation)	Frequency of Sampling	Lbs/Acre		Monthly

BOD5 = 5-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand

TDS = Total Dissolved Solids

TKN = Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

**Table 2.** Late DMRs from June 2019 to February 2020

Monitoring Period		DMR Due Date	DMR Received Date	Days Late
Begin Date	End Date			
6/1/2019	6/30/2019	7/15/2019	11/15/2019	123
7/1/2019	7/31/2019	8/15/2019	8/25/2019	10
8/1/2019	8/31/2019	9/15/2019	11/22/2019	68
9/1/2019	9/30/2019	10/15/2019	10/22/2019	7
11/1/2019	11/30/2019	12/15/2019	4/2/2020	109
12/1/2019	12/31/2019	1/15/2020	3/28/2020	73
1/1/2020	1/31/2020	2/15/2020	3/28/2020	42
2/1/2020	2/29/2020	3/15/2020	3/30/2020	15

**Table 3.** Missing annual soil monitoring DMRs from June 2017 to May 2019

Monitoring Period		DMR Due Date	DMR Status
Begin Date	End Date		
6/1/2017	5/31/2018	7/15/2018	Not Started
6/1/2018	5/31/2019	7/15/2019	Draft

**Reminder: The next annual DMR is due on 7/15/2020.**

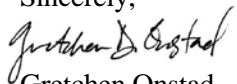
Non-compliance notifications are required by your permit. The checked item below indicates if further notification is required regarding the above violation(s).

- ☐ No further action is required. You have already submitted a notice of non-compliance or explained the cause of the violation(s) in your Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). You have already complied with this requirement.
- ☒ **You must submit this notice immediately.** You have not submitted a notice of non-compliance for the violation(s) and have not explained the cause of the violation(s) in your DMR, therefore you are in violation of your permit. You may refer to your permit for more information about submitting a non-compliance notification.

The DMR is the principal tool used to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. Ecology places great importance on **timely submittal of complete and accurate DMRs**. If you fail to comply with the conditions of your permit, Ecology may take formal administrative enforcement action, including issuing orders and penalties. Ecology's enforcement authority for state waste discharge permits is governed by Chapter 173-216 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Please contact your permit manager Chris Martin at [Christopher.Martin@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Christopher.Martin@ecy.wa.gov) or (425) 649-7110 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Onstad  
Enforcement Coordinator  
Water Quality Program

e-cc: Permit and Reporting Information System (PARIS): Schenk Packing Co., ST0005174  
Chris Martin, Ecology  
Chris Smith, Ecology  
Gerald Shervy, Ecology  
Steve Britsch, Snohomish County Public Works, [S.britsch@snoco.org](mailto:S.britsch@snoco.org)  
Miguel Garcia, Schenk Packing Co., [MiguelG@schenckpacking.com](mailto:MiguelG@schenckpacking.com)  
Tom Hayes, Schenk Packing Co., [tomh@schenckpacking.com](mailto:tomh@schenckpacking.com)  
Steve Lenz, Schenk Packing Co., [SteveL@schenckpacking.com](mailto:SteveL@schenckpacking.com)