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May 1, 2020

Craig McKinney
Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Inc.
PO Box 539
Cosmopolis, WA 98537

RE: NPDES Permit No. WA0000809
Non-compliance with monthly monitoring for chemical oxygen demand (COD)

Dear Craig McKinney:

This warning letter is in regards to Cosmo Specialty Fibers' (Cosmo's) monitoring of COD at Outfall 001. Cosmo's NPDES Permit No. WA0000809 Condition S2.A requires once per month COD sampling. Cosmo reported that, due to operator oversight, the COD sample for August 2019 was not collected.

It is noted that there is no permit limit for COD. The sampling requirement was included in the permit for the purpose of collecting data in anticipation that the parameter may be included in future updates to the applicable federal effluent guidelines. Up until August 2019, Cosmo had not missed a COD sampling event in this permit cycle. Based on this information, the Department of Ecology will not require any corrective action and will not pursue any additional enforcement actions, at this time. Please note that recurrence may result in additional enforcement action.

If you have any questions regarding this warning letter, please contact me at ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ha Tran
Industrial Section, Pulp & Paper Unit
Washington State Department of Ecology

Cc: Paula Stoppler, Cosmo