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Mr. Jim Younger
National Food Corporation
16900 51st Ave NE
Arlington, WA 98223-6360

Re: **WARNING LETTER** for State Waste Discharge Permit Number ST0045510
National Foods Hilltop Farms

Dear Jim Younger:

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 Table 1.

Table 1. Numeric Effluent Violations for Outfall 001 in 2021

<i>Date</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Measurement</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Limit</i>	<i>Limit Type</i>
5/27/2021	Flow	4533.7	Gallons/Day	4000	Maximum Daily
5/28/2021	Flow	5071.1	Gallons/Day	4000	Maximum Daily
May 2021	Flow	93223	Gallons/Month	93000	Total Monthly
6/12/2021	Flow	> 5151.9	Gallons/Day	4000	Maximum Daily

Non-compliance notifications are required by your permit. You have already submitted notices of non-compliance or explained the cause of the violations on your Discharge Monitoring Reports. You have complied with this permit requirement.

Ecology uses the DMR to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. **Exceedance of flow limits is a recurring issue for your facility.** Ecology recommends that you take action to prevent this violation in the future. 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).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your permit manager Chris Martin at christopher.martin@ecy.wa.gov or (206) 594-0159.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Onstad
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Water Quality Program

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