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February 17, 2021

Janis Kristiansen
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Dear Janis Kristiansen:

Re: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0040738
noncompliance notification

Our office has completed review of December 2020 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). The DMR indicates your discharge did not comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements established in your permit. The following was not in compliance:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outfall Number</u>	<u>Monitoring Parameter</u>	<u>Sample Measurement</u>	<u>Permit Requirement</u>
Dec. 2020	001	Daily Max. Copper	146 µg/l	127 µg/l

Your permit requires you to report permit violations. 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 violation report or explained the cause of the violations in your Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). You have already complied with this requirement. **For December 2020, the stormwater sample was taken on December 30, 2020, the last eligible day of December, and the stormwater sample was sent to the Contracting Laboratory on the same day. Lab results were returned to us on January 11, 2021. Stormwater effluent maximum daily level for copper is 127 parts per billion. For December 2020, the effluent level for copper was 146 parts per billion. This was due to sluggish fixation of the preservative for December and to high ambient humidity levels due to lots of rain. We will repeat sampling and analysis as soon as possible at the next stormwater event, and submit the results to Ecology within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, on or by February 11, 2021, while following COVID-19 precautions.**
- You must submit a violation report immediately. You have not submitted a violation report for the violations and have not explained the cause of the violations in your DMR, therefore you are in violation of your permit. You may refer to your permit for more information about submitting a violation report.

Reports which do not comply with permit limits and/or monitoring requirements are treated as violations. If this letter is incorrect or you have questions or comments, please contact Marc Pacifico, at 360-522-6883 or by e-mail at MPAC461@ECY.WA.GOV.

The effluent limits established in your permit were derived considering the treatment technology employed at your facility, receiving water quality, the environmental impacts of your discharge, and statistical reliability associated with sampling and laboratory procedures.

Compliance Assurance is the goal of the Clean Water Act's self-monitoring program. The DMR is the principle tool used to enforce the self-monitoring program. Be aware of the importance the Department of Ecology (Department) places on complete and accurate DMRs and the legal implications they have for your facility. Noncompliance with the limits, monitoring requirements, terms and/or conditions established in your permit may result in formal enforcement action by the Department.

If you have any questions about your permit or need technical assistance with your facility or for completing your monitoring reports, please contact John Diamant, at 360-819-3824 or by e-mail at JDIA461@ECY.WA.GOV.

Sincerely,



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cc: John Diamant, Ecology

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