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October 7, 2021

Bernie Ziemianek, Public Work Director  
City of Blaine Public Works Department  
1200 Yew Ave  
Blaine, WA 98230-9261

RE: **WARNING LETTER** for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Permit Number WA0022641 for Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility

Dear Bernie Ziemianek:

Ecology has completed the review of the Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility’s Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for 7/9/2021. The DMRs indicate your facility did not comply with the requirements established in your permit. The following parameters were not in compliance:

Date	Outfall	Monitoring Parameter	Type	Sample Measurement	Units	Max Limit
7/9/2021	2	Total Coliforms	Single Sample	31	MPN/100 mL	23

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, then you are in violation of your permit. You may refer to your permit for more information about submitting a non-compliance notification.

Ecology uses the DMR to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. 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 NPDES permits is governed by Chapter 173-220-230 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Ecology’s enforcement authority for state waste discharge permits is governed by Chapter 173-216 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns with this warning letter please feel free to contact me at (425) 449-6560 or by email at [greg.lipnickey@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:greg.lipnickey@ecy.wa.gov), or your permit manager Steve Hood at (425) 649-7160 or via email at [Steve.Hood@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Steve.Hood@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely;



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Municipal Compliance Specialist  
Water Quality Program

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