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January 28, 2022

Mr. Steve Gemperle  
National Food NW, LLC  
728 134th St SW  
Suite 103  
Everett, WA 98204-5322

Re: **WARNING LETTER:** State Waste Discharge Permit Number ST0007332, National Food Corp

Dear Mr. Gemperle:

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 and 2.

**Table 1:** Numeric Effluent Limit Violations for Outfall #1 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of 2021

Date	Parameter	Measurement	Max Limit	Limit Type
July 15, 2021	BOD <sub>5</sub>	900 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
October 14, 2021	BOD <sub>5</sub>	2250 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
October 14, 2021	TSS	2520 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max

BOD<sub>5</sub> = 5-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand; TSS = Total Suspended Solids

**Table 2:** Monitoring Violations for Outfall #1 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of 2021

Date	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Violation
August 16, 2021	pH	Continuous	Analysis not Conducted
December 29, 2021	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Weekly	Frequency of Sampling
December 29, 2021	TSS	Weekly	Frequency of Sampling

Non-compliance notifications are required by your permit. You have explained the cause of the violations on your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). Therefore, you have complied with your permit requirement for reporting.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) uses the DMR as the principal tool to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. Ecology places great importance on timely submittal of complete and accurate DMRs. Your facility has a pattern of BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS violations. We recommend that you identify the source and take action to prevent future violations. 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

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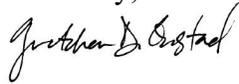
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state waste discharge permits is governed by Chapter 173-216 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your permit manager Monika Kannadaguli by email at [monika.kannadaguli@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:monika.kannadaguli@ecy.wa.gov) or by her new office number at (206) 594-0144.

Sincerely,



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Compliance Specialist

Water Quality Program

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