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February 24, 2022

Matt Hartman
GRANITE FALLS STP
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RE: **WARNING LETTER** for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit Number WA0021130 for GRANITE FALLS STP

Dear Matt Hartman:

Ecology has completed the review of the GRANITE FALLS STP's Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). 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
10/1/2021	1	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Average	30.8	Milligrams/L (mg/L)	30
10/1/2021	1	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Weekly Average	59	Milligrams/L (mg/L)	45
11/1/2021	IN1	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5)	Average	1066.7 ¹	Lbs/Day	1109 (942.65) ¹

¹BOD5 exceeded the permit trigger for three consecutive months.

GRANITE FALLS STP's permit requires non-compliance notifications. 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; 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. Chapter 173-220-230 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) governs Ecology's enforcement authority for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Chapter 173-216 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) governs Ecology's enforcement authority for State Waste Discharge permits.

If you have and 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, or your permit manager Kevin Leung at (206) 594-0168 or via email at Kevin.Leung@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely;



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