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Barb Brown, Manager
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Re: **WARNING LETTER** for State Waste Discharge Permit Number ST0007316
Artisan Finishing Systems Inc

Dear Barb Brown:

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 from October 2021 to March 2022

Date	Parameter	Measurement	Units	Limit	Limit Type
10/28/2021	pH	11.85	S.U.	11.0 *	Maximum Daily
11/15/2021	pH	10.79	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
11/16/2021	pH	10.79	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
12/09/2021	pH	10.39	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
12/13/2021	pH	10.12	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
1/25/2022	pH	10.83	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
1/26/2022	pH	11.18	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
2/10/2022	pH	10.17	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily
3/29/2022	pH	10.40	S.U.	10.0	Maximum Daily

*The pH limit changed from 11.0 to 10.0 during the permit reissuance effective November 1, 2021. The limit was changed to reflect the City of Marysville local limit for pH.

Non-compliance notifications are required by your permit. Ecology provided technical assistance via email on 2/23/22 about providing non-compliance notifications on DMRs when an effluent violation occurs. Starting on the January 2022 monthly DMR, you provided non-compliance notifications for pH limit exceedances, except for the March 2022 DMR for the pH violation that occurred on 3/29/22. **You must submit this notice immediately** for any violations that have occurred. You may submit these past non-compliance notifications via email. You may refer to **permit section S3.F.** for more information about what must be included in a written notice of non-compliance. Moving forward, the written notice of non-compliance should be attached to every DMR submission that contains violations.

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

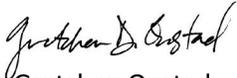
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your permit manager Maia Hoffman at maia.hoffman@ecy.wa.gov or (425) 507-5681.

Sincerely,



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Water Quality Program

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