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Mr. Steve Gemperle
National Food NW, LLC
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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 Table 1.

Table 1: Numeric Effluent Limit Violations for Outfall #1 in January 2022

Date	Parameter	Measurement	Max Limit	Limit Type
January 5, 2022	BOD ₅	1660 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
January 12, 2022	BOD ₅	2590 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
January 12, 2022	TSS	1470 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
January 19, 2022	BOD ₅	3350 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
January 26, 2022	BOD ₅	1298 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max
August 18, 2022	BOD ₅	1450 mg/L	750 mg/L	Weekly Max

BOD₅ = 5-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand; TSS = Total Suspended Solids

Table 2: Monitoring Violations for Outfall #1 in January 2022

Date	Parameter	Limit Type	Violation
July 2022	pH	Daily Max	Frequency of Sampling

Non-compliance notifications are required by your permit. You have explained the cause of the numeric effluent violations (Table 1) on your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). However, there is no explanation for the missing pH Daily Max values on the July 2022 DMR. You must correct the DMR or provide an explanation to Ecology for the daily sampling frequency violation (Table 2).

Your facility has a pattern of BOD₅ and TSS violations. We recommend that you (1) identify the source and take action to prevent future violations and (2) improve training for new employees prior to conducting laboratory analysis of samples.

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. 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).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your new permit manager Joey Jiang by email at joey.jiang@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (206) 507-8283.

Sincerely,



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