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Mike Moss
Cowlitz County Public Works Department
1600 South 13th Avenue
Kelso, WA 98626-2851

RE: Noncompliance Notification for State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST 6248, Cowlitz County Headquarters Landfill

Dear Mike Moss:

Your **August, September, & October 2022** Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) indicates that your discharge did not comply with your permit requirements:

Monitoring Period	Outfall Number	Monitoring Parameter	Sample Measurement	Permit Requirement
August 2022	001	Avg. Monthly BOD 5-Day	660 mg/L	350 mg/L
August 2022	001	Daily Maximum BOD 5-Day	660 mg/L	350 mg/L
September 2022	001	Avg. Monthly BOD 5-Day	370 mg/L	350 mg/L
September 2022	001	Daily Maximum BOD 5-Day	370 mg/L	350 mg/L
October 2022	001	Avg. Monthly BOD 5-Day	540 mg/L	350 mg/L
October 2022	001	Daily Maximum BOD 5-Day	540 mg/L	350 mg/L

Failures to meet permit limits are violations of your State Waste Discharge Permit. You should be aware that violations are subject to enforcement action, including Administrative Orders to

correct the problem and/or Civil Penalties, in accordance with [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 173-220-230](#).

The effluent limits established in your permit were derived considering the treatment technology employed at your facility, receiving water quality, the environment impacts of your discharge, and statistical reliability associated with sampling and laboratory procedures.

Permit Condition S3.F. requires you to report permit violations. The checked item below indicates if further notification is required regarding the above violation.

- ☒ No further action is required. You have already submitted a violation report or explained the cause of the violation in your DMR. You have already complied with this requirement.
- ☐ You must submit a violation report immediately. You have not submitted a violation report for the violation and have not explained the cause of the violation in your DMR, therefore, you are in violation of your permit. You may refer to your permit for more information about submitting a violation report.

Reports which do not comply with permit limits and/or monitoring requirements are treated as a violation.

Compliance Assurance is the goal of the [Clean Water Act](#)'s self-monitoring program. The DMR is the principle tool used to enforce the self-monitoring program. Be aware of the importance Ecology places on complete and accurate DMRs and the legal implications they have for your facility. Noncompliance with the limits, monitoring requirements, terms, and/or conditions established in your permit may result in formal enforcement action by Ecology.

If this letter is incorrect, you have any questions about your permit, or need technical assistance with your facility or for completing your monitoring reports, please contact me at kamren.moen@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 810-1340 (cell).

Sincerely,



Kamren Moen
Permit Manager
Water Quality Program, Industrial Unit
Southwest Regional Office

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cc: Duane Leaf, Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority
Permit Compliance File