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Eastern Region Office

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January 18, 2023

The Honorable Carrie Roecks
Town of Rockford
P.O. Box 49
Rockford, Washington 99030

RE: Warning Letter for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
WA0044831 – Town of Rockford

Dear Mayor Carrie Roecks:

The Town of Rockford (Rockford) is out of compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit WA0044831 that was issued October 30, 2013, and administratively extended as of the permit expiration date; November 30, 2018. Rockford has permit required submittals that have not been submitted as required by their NPDES permit. Failure to submit the reports are a violation of the permit.

Missing Submittals

The following list of reports were due during the 2021-2022 reporting period:

1. Permit Section S5.G - 2022 Operations & Maintenance Manual Review Letter due 6/30/2022
2. Permit Section S5.G - 2021 Operations & Maintenance Manual Review Letter due 6/30/2021
3. Permit Section S6.E - Industrial User Survey due 10/31/2022

The submittals above have not been received by Ecology to date. Each non-submittal constitutes a separate violation of the permit.

Contact with the Facility

The Department of Ecology had the following communications with Rockford regarding the missing submittals.

1. 10/13/2022 – Late submittal letter sent
2. 10/19/2022 – Late submittal letter sent
3. 11/22/2022 – Email reminder sent regarding the missing O&M Manual review letters

Within 30 days from receipt of this warning letter, please provide the following to Ecology:

1. Submit a report that includes a plan and timeline for submittal of the reports above.
2. Send the report electronically to Rob Buchert, Senior Compliance Specialist at Rob.Buchert@ecy.wa.gov or by mail at Water Quality Program, Department of Ecology, 4601 N. Monroe Street, Spokane, Washington 99205-1265.

This warning letter is to make you aware of the importance the Department of Ecology places on the legal implications of noncompliance with the limits, monitoring requirements, and terms and/or conditions established in your permit. Continued noncompliance will result in formal enforcement action by Ecology. Formal enforcement action may include Notice of Violation, Administrative Order, and Penalties of up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

Please contact the Region's wastewater operator technical assistance provider, Andy O'Neill at (509) 710-3676 or Andrew.Oneill@ecy.wa.gov if you need technical assistance or have questions about operator certification.

Please contact me at (509) 209-1586 or Rob.Buchert@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions regarding this warning letter or Ecology's enforcement process.

Sincerely,



Rob Buchert
Senior Compliance Specialist
Water Quality Program
Eastern Regional Office

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cc. Heidi Johnson, Town of Rockford
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