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Sam Bocook
Transalta Centralia Generation LLC
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RE: Noncompliance Notification for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
No. WA0001546, TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC

Dear Sam Bocook:

Your **November 2022** Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) indicates that your discharge did not comply with your permit requirements:

Outfall Number	Monitoring Parameter	Sample Measurement	Permit Requirement
001	Mercury	10.8 ng/L	10 ng/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.

Your **November 2022** Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) indicates that your discharge did not comply with your permit requirements.

Your permit requires that you: Sample Dissolved Oxygen and pH 2/month.

But, based on your DMR: You only sampled these parameters once during the month.

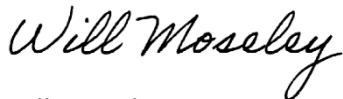
Failures to sample or report sample results are violations of your State Waste Discharge Permit. You should be aware that violations are subject to enforcement action, including Administrative Orders, to correct the problem and/or Civil Penalties, in accordance with [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 173-220-230](#).

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 principal 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 will.moseley@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 763-2787 (cell).

Sincerely,



Will Moseley
Permit Manager
Water Quality Program, Industrial Unit
Southwest Regional Office

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cc: Permit Compliance File