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Craig McKinney, Senior Environmental Engineer
LANXESS Corporation, Kalama Environmental Health, Safety & Security
1296 Third Street NW
Kalama, WA 98625

Re: Warning Letter - NPDES Permit Number WA0000281 – 2023 Q4 Discharge Monitoring Report

Dear Craig McKinney:

On February 9, 2024, Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Quarterly Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) for the Fourth Quarter of 2023 from LANXESS Corporation. Upon review of the DMR, the influent Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day) (BOD₅) sample was not collected. Failure to monitor the wastewater treatment plant influent at the specified minimum sampling frequency constitutes a violation of LANXESS National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WA0000281.

Although no formal enforcement action is being pursued at this time, if similar permit violations continue, formal enforcement action will be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (564) 233-8039 or lyddie.austin@ecy.wa.gov.

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Sincerely,

Lyddie Austin, E.I.T

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Electronic cc: Bill McKay, LANXESS