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Richard Dickinson
Mason County Department of Utilities & Waste Management
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Shelton, WA 98584

Re: Warning Letter for Mason County Permit Numbers: WA0038075, ST0006039, ST0006224

Dear Richard Dickinson:

Your **Q1 2025** Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) and **March 2025** DMRs indicate noncompliance with your permit requirements:

Permit Number	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Parameter/ Outfall	Sample Measurement/ Violation	Permit Requirement
ST0006224	March 12, 2025	Total Coliform (001)	770.1 / 100 mL	≤ 23 / 100 mL
ST0006224	March 2025	Average Nitrogen (001)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Report Average
ST0006224	March 2025	Max Nitrogen (001)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Report Max
ST0006224	March 2025	Ammonia (001)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Monitored and Reported Monthly
ST0006224	March 2025	Nitrate (001)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Monitored and Reported Monthly
ST0006039	Q1 2025	Iron (MW3)	4860 ug/L	≤ 300 ug/L
ST0006039	Q1 2025	Lead (MW3)	25.1 ug/L	≤ 15 ug/L
ST0006039	Q1 2025	Manganese (MW3)	142000 ug/L	≤ 50 ug/L
ST0006039	March 1-31 2025	Total Coliform, 7 Day Median (DIS)	12.1 / 100 mL	≤ 2.2 / 100 mL

Permit Number	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Parameter/ Outfall	Sample Measurement/ Violation	Permit Requirement
ST0006039	March 10, 2025	Total Coliform (DIS)	25.6 / 100 mL	≤ 23 / 100 mL
ST0006039	March 10, 2025	Total Coliform (DIS)	32.7 / 100 mL	≤ 23 / 100 mL
ST0006039	March 10, 2025	Total Coliform (DIS)	27.5 / 100 mL	≤ 23 / 100 mL
ST0006039	March 10, 2025	Total Coliform (DIS)	39.9 / 100 mL	≤ 23 / 100 mL
ST0006039	March 2025	Ammonia (DIS)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Monitored and Reported Monthly
ST0006039	March 2025	Nitrate (DIS)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Monitored and Reported Monthly
ST0006039	March 2025	Average Nitrogen (DIS)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Report Average
ST0006039	March 2025	Max Nitrogen (DIS)	Not Monitored/ Reported	Report Max

Your DMRs for **Q1 2025 and March 2025** were due no later than April 15, 2025, and were not submitted until **April 16, 2025**, for permit numbers ST0006224 and ST0006039. Your DMR for **March 2025** was due no later than April 15, 2025, and was not submitted until **April 16, 2025**, for permit number WA0038075.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) uses the DMR to evaluate compliance with permit requirements. If you fail to comply with the conditions of your permit, Ecology may take formal administrative enforcement action, including issuing Administrative Orders to correct the problem and/or Civil Penalties, in accordance with [chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\)](#) and [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 173-219-150](#). If you have any questions regarding this matter (or if our information is incorrect), please contact your facility manager, Isaiah Murrell-Thomas, at Isaiah.murrell-thomas@ecy.wa.gov or at 564-669-3115; or you can contact our compliance specialist, Ginger Reddig, at ginger.reddig@ecy.wa.gov or at (360) 789-5425. If you need technical assistance, please contact your facility manager or call our technical assistance specialist, Shane Cooper, at shane.cooper@ecy.wa.gov or at (360) 870-6297.

Sincerely,

Alisha Mckittrick

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