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RE:

Issuance NPDES Permit Number 1200-Z

File Number: 110254

EPA Number.: ORR900215

Facility: CITY OF GRESHAM WWTP, 20015 NE SANDY BLVD, PORTLAND,

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

SIC Code(s): 4952

Dear Permit Registrant:

DEQ has reissued the 1200-Z, effective July 1, 2021. Attached is your revised monitoring requirements under the reissued permit, starting July 1, 2021. All monitoring waivers expire on July 1, 2021. Please review the information closely. If you identify any discrepancies in the tables, please contact me as soon as possible.

It is your responsibility to comply with the new permit conditions and monitoring requirements. DEQ will be transitioning to electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports during this permit cycle. As such, you will not receive the first page of the permit identifying your facility as registered under the renewed permit.

Please visit our industrial stormwater permits webpage to find a copy of the permit and associated documents. https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Stormwater-Industrial.aspx

Respectfully,

Jenni Seven, WQ Permit Coordinator

Enclosures:

Monitoring Requirements

Schedule A.13

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Monitoring Requirements

You must monitor for the pollutants in the table below. If discharge to a Category 5: 303(d) listed receiving water for pH, total copper, total lead, total zinc and/or E. coli, the table below will not include statewide or sector-specific benchmarks for those pollutants. Exceedance of impairment monitoring may escalate to a water quality-based effluent limit during this permit cycle. Please read Schedule A.13 and Schedule C carefully. Tier 2 geometric mean evaluations are required annually. Please read Schedule A.12 carefully.

Georegion	Pollutant	Statewide Benchmark	Unit	Frequency
Columbia Slough	Total Copper	0.017	mg/L	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	Total Lead	0.10	mg/L	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	Total Zinc	0.24	mg/L	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	pН	5.5-9.0	s.u.	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	TSS	30	mg/L	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	E. coli*	406	organisms/100mL	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	BOD	24	mg/L	Four times per year
Columbia Slough	Total Phosphorus	0.16	mg/L	Four times per year
Receiving Water LLID: 1224918455560 AUID: 104554.2 River Mile: 1.967	Pollutant	Impairment Concentration	Units	Frequency
Osburn Creek	Iron*	10	mg/L	Four times per year

^{*}Review Schedule A. 13 for specific conditions related to impairment monitoring."

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CATEGORY 5: 303(d) LIST IMPAIRMENT EXCEEDANCE RESPONSE

13. Water Quality-based Effluent Limits

- a. The permit registrant must comply with water quality-based effluent limits for discharges to impaired receiving waters based on the EPA-approved Category 5: 303(d) list in effect at the time of permit assignment for pH, copper, lead, zinc, iron and E. coli that correspond to the specific pollutant(s) for which the water body is impaired when monitoring results trigger the events specified below.
- b. The permit registrant must use all qualifying samples except sample results from properly maintained mass reduction measures installed at or above DEQ-approved designed storm capacity.
- c. For E. coli and iron, if the triggering events occur, the permit registrant must comply with narrative water quality-based effluent limits.
- d. For pH, copper, lead and zinc, if the triggering events occur, the permit registrant must comply with numeric water quality-based effluent limits at the pollutant concentrations in Table 5 as required by Schedule B.3.
- e. Triggering events for pH, copper, lead and zinc:
 - i. If two consecutive qualifying sample results collected at any monitoring point falls outside the basin-specific range for pH in Appendix A as required by Schedule B.3 at each monitoring point subject to impairment monitoring for which the water body is impaired for pH.
 - ii. If two consecutive qualifying sample results collected at any monitoring point exceed the impairment concentrations for copper, lead, or zinc in Table 5, as required by Schedule B.3 subject to impairment monitoring.
 - iii. If a qualifying sample result collected at any monitoring point is greater than two times the impairment concentrations in Table 5, as required by Schedule B.3 for copper, lead, or zinc subject to impairment monitoring.
- f. When the impairment monitoring as required by Schedule B.3 escalates to a numeric water quality-based effluent limit based on triggering events above in Schedule A.13.e, the permit registrants must notify DEQ or agent no later than 30 calendar days from receiving the monitoring results. At such time, permit registrant may request up to a two-year compliance schedule in accordance with Schedule C.
- g. The permit registrants must sample all discharge points subject to numeric water quality-based effluent limit, including those previously designated as substantially similar.
- h. Permit registrants that discharge into Category 5: 303(d) listed receiving waters for fecal coliform or enterococcus must monitor stormwater discharge that correspond to the specific pollutant and report as specified in Table 6 and Table 7 applicable to impairment pollutants. DEQ may require

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additional narrative water quality-based effluent limits if a public health risk is identified from the discharge.

i. Triggering event for E. coli:

- i. If two consecutive qualifying sample results collected at any monitoring point exceeds the impairment concentration for E. coli in Table 5A, as required in Schedule B.4 subject to impairment monitoring, the permit registrant must implement the following narrative water quality-based effluent limits:
 - (1) Prevent rodents, birds, and other animals from feeding/nesting/roosting at the facility to the degree practicable. Nothing in this section shall be construed as allowing violations of any applicable federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act;
 - (2) Clean storm sewer lines, including catch basins, annually. Frequency of cleaning may be reduced, or decreased to catch basins, only after the first annual cleaning if the source of the E. coli exceedances are identified and the storm sewer lines are determined to not be a contributing factor. Flushed water and solids must be disposed of properly and not allowed to discharge;
 - (3) If the source of the exceedances is not readily identified, perform a one-time dry weather inspection to identify and eliminate any sanitary sewer cross-connections or leaky sewer pipes;
 - (4) Investigate and document any human dwelling encampments;
 - (5) Install additional source or operational controls to address known sources of fecal contamination such as green waste, illegal dumping, dumpsters or garbage trucks and grease bins, and portable toilets as applicable; and if applicable,
 - (6) Conduct and report biochemical speciation identification results to indicate non-fecal discharges.

j. Triggering event for iron:

- i. If two consecutive qualifying sample results collected at any monitoring point exceeds impairment concentration for iron in Table 5A, as required by Schedule B.4 subject to impairment monitoring, the permit registrant must implement the following narrative water quality-based effluent limits:
 - (1) Demonstrate compliance with the erosion and sediment control narrative technology-based effluent limit in Schedule A.1.d. and stabilize all exposed soils that have potential to discharge;
 - (2) Implement sweeping or other equivalent methods of cleaning sufficient to minimize the discharge of sediment and debris, but in no case less than once per calendar quarter when industrial activity has occurred at the site;
 - (3) Clean storm sewer lines, including catch basins, annually. Frequency of cleaning may be reduced or decreased to catch basins only after the first annual cleaning if the source of the iron exceedances are identified and the storm sewer lines are determined to not be a contributing factor. Flushed water and solids must be disposed of properly and not allowed to discharge; and
 - (4) Install additional source and operational controls to the extent practicable to address known sources of iron pollution such as permanent structures by removing, replacing or sealing corroding metal.

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k. The permit registrant must complete the narrative water quality-based effluent limits no later than 90 calendar days from receiving monitoring results of the triggering event above in Schedule A.13.h and i and continue as required. SWPCP revisions documenting completion are required as specified in Schedule A.9.

1. If the permit registrant is unable to comply with the numeric or narrative water quality-based effluent limits, it is a permit violation and permit coverage may be revoked under this general permit and coverage required under an individual permit.