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Greg Springman
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RE: **Warning Letter Opportunity to Correct**
City of Sweet Home – TMDL Implementation Plan Annual Report
2022-WLOTC-7284

Dear Greg Springman:

As a “Designated Management Agency” identified in *Chapter 14: Water Quality Management Plan* of the September 2006 *Willamette Basin Total Maximum Daily Load*, the City of Sweet Home is required to annually submit a TMDL Implementation Plan Report (annual report) to the Department by May 31 of each year. The city did not submit an annual report on May 31, 2022 and the Department has determined that the City of Sweet Home is responsible for the following violations of Oregon environmental law.

Violation(s):

Failing to submit the annual report by the established deadline is a Class I violation of the department order, Oregon Administrative Rule 340-012-0053(1). Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious.

Corrective Actions Requested:

In response to this Warning Letter, the Department requests that your report be submitted by Jun. 30, 2022. Please submit the report to Priscilla.Woolverton@deq.oregon.gov or send it to the address at the top of this letter.

Should the City of Sweet Home fail to submit its report by this date, this matter may be referred to the Department’s Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including the assessment of civil penalties and/or a Department order. Please note that civil penalties can be assessed for each day of violation.

If you believe any of the facts in this Warning Letter are in error, you may provide information to me at the address shown at the top of this letter or the email listed below. The Department will consider new information you submit and take appropriate action.

The Department endeavors to assist you in your compliance efforts and believes that timely submittal of your report is necessary to document that the plan measures to restore and protect water quality in the Willamette Basin are being implemented. Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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