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City of Jordan Valley
P.O. Box 187
Jordan Valley, OR 97910

Re: Notice of Violation and Civil Penalty Assessment
Case No. WQ/M-ER-08-025

Plain Language Improvements:

- Reason for sending the letter appears in the first sentence
- Important information moved to second paragraph
- Eliminates “legalese”
- Removed most acronyms
- Reduced to one page

This letter is to inform you that DEQ has issued you a civil penalty of \$2,311 for failure to comply with the conditions of the city’s wastewater discharge permit.

You have 20 calendar days from receipt of this letter to notify DEQ of your intent to appeal this matter by requesting a contested case hearing. This hearing request must be in writing. You may fax your request to Deborah Nesbit, Oregon DEQ, at (503) 229-5100. Alternatively, you may mail your request to Deborah Nesbit, Oregon DEQ, 811 SW 6th Ave., Portland, OR 97204. Once DEQ receives your request, it will arrange to meet with you to discuss this matter further. If DEQ does not receive a written hearing request from you within 20 days, the penalty amount will be due.

The attached Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment explains in detail DEQ’s reasons for issuing this penalty and provides more information about how to appeal the penalty. Please review it and refer to it when discussing this case further with DEQ.

DEQ issued this penalty because the city failed to monitor wastewater from its wastewater treatment facility, as required by its Water Pollution Control Facilities Permit. The State of Oregon requires regular monitoring of wastewater through such permits to help protect the state’s water quality. The regulatory system that protects Oregon’s water quality relies almost exclusively on complete and accurate monitoring and reporting by pollution sources. Accurate information about the wastewater treatment by sources is the basis for all efforts, both public and private, to restore and protect Oregon’s water resources. Without it, DEQ cannot evaluate whether the city’s irrigation with wastewater met permit requirements.

DEQ allows you the option of partially resolving your penalty through the completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that is approved by DEQ. We have enclosed a description of how to pursue a SEP. If you are interested in having a portion of your civil penalty fund a Supplemental Environmental Project, please contact the number listed below.

DEQ’s rules are available on the internet at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rules.htm> and <http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/home.htm>, or by calling the number below to request a paper copy.

If you have any questions about this penalty, please contact DEQ Environmental Law Specialist Susan Greco at (503) 229-5152. You may call toll-free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, extension 5152.

Sincerely,

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RESPONDENT'S NAME

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Jane K. Hickman, Administrator
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: INSPECTOR, X OFFICE, DEQ
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency *(if federally delegated program)*
COUNTY District Attorney