



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Water Pollution Control Laboratory

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August 17, 2023

Robert Wyatt
Northwest Natural Gas Company
7900 NW St Helens Rd
Portland, OR 97210

RE: **Monitoring waiver approval** for 1200-Z NPDES General Stormwater Discharge Permit,
DEQ file #: 62231

Dear Robert Wyatt:

The City of Portland (City) has received your monitoring waiver request, dated June 21, 2023, for collecting stormwater samples as required by the 1200-Z NPDES General Stormwater Discharge Permit issued to the Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) facility located at 7900 NW St Helens Rd in Portland, Oregon. NW Natural has requested a monitoring waiver for the following monitoring points and parameters:

Monitoring Location 001:
Impairment pollutant: total iron

The City has reviewed the submitted results of the last eight samples collected in two reporting years and concurs these results are valid, and all below the permit impairment monitoring concentration; therefore, the requested monitoring waiver meets permit conditions for a monitoring waiver. **The monitoring waiver is in effect until July 1, 2025**, unless reinstatement of monitoring is required per the conditions listed in *Schedule B.9.f*.

Please note that the monthly visual observations for the presence of floating or suspended solids, color, odor, foam, visible oil sheen, or other obvious indicators of pollution in the stormwater discharge at all discharge points is still required and cannot be waived.

The facility must also continue to implement current control measures designed to reduce pollutants in stormwater discharge. To avoid the potential for full or partial revocation of the monitoring waiver, the facility must ensure preventative maintenance activities occur in accordance with permit requirements and as stated in the SWPCP. Per Schedule B.9, the DEQ or Agent may revoke a monitoring waiver in response to an inspection or corrective action, or if changes to site conditions are likely to affect stormwater discharge characteristics, such as an increase in pollutant sources exposed to stormwater.

NW Natural previously requested and was granted a monitoring waiver for benchmark pollutants at Monitoring Location 001 on January 25, 2023.

NW Natural is required to continue monitoring for:

Monitoring Location 001: full waiver

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (503)-865-6929 or at melanie.roy@portlandoregon.gov,

Sincerely,



Melanie Roy
Industrial Stormwater Program