



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Water Pollution Control Laboratory

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January 25, 2023

Robert Wyatt
Northwest Natural Gas Company
7900 NW St Helens Rd
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rjw@nwnatural.com

RE: **Monitoring Partial 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 January 11, 2023, for collecting stormwater samples as required by the 1200-Z NPDES General Stormwater Discharge Permit issued to Northwest Natural Gas Company located at 7900 NW St Helens Rd. The facility has requested a monitoring waiver for the following monitoring points and parameters:

Monitoring Location 001:

Benchmark pollutant(s): pH, TSS, copper, lead, and zinc

Impairment pollutant(s): iron

The City has reviewed the results of the last five samples submitted and a partial monitoring waiver has been approved. Benchmark parameters meet the permit conditions for a monitoring waiver, however, the results for impairment monitoring of total iron do not. Therefore, the facility is required to continue to monitor for total iron.

The facility must 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 current 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.

Northwest Natural is required to continue monitoring for:

Monitoring Location 001:

Impairment pollutant(s): Iron

The monitoring waiver is in effect until July 1, 2025, unless revoked given the conditions listed in *Schedule B.9.f*. Please note that the monthly visual observations for the presence of floating, suspended or settleable 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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (503) 865-6555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelica Greene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Angelica Greene
Industrial Stormwater Program