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Website Posting

October 3, 2026

Based on information at the time of required posting, the City experienced no violation of the NPDES Permit conditions effective as of December 1, 2025 for the month of September 2026.

September's DEQ Correspondence is attached below:

From: [Seth Kelly](#)
To: ['PINNEY Mike * DEQ'](#)
Cc: [Mitchell Jaspers](#)
Subject: RE: GWP and Inf flow meter
Sent: 9/8/2026 9:50:03 AM

Hello Mike,

We will start to get to work on moving into construction of the two monitoring wells and I will give you a heads up as the schedule comes into focus.

Best Regards,



Seth Kelly

Water Quality Superintendent

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From: PINNEY Mike * DEQ <Mike.PINNEY@deq.oregon.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 3:51 PM
To: Seth Kelly <skelly@cityofmolalla.com>
Cc: Mitchell Jaspers <mjaspers@cityofmolalla.com>
Subject: RE: GWP and Inf flow meter

Seth,

I have reviewed the Groundwater Monitoring Well Plan and I approve. Proceed with the plans actions. Keep me apprised of the wwork.



Michael Pinney PE

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From: Seth Kelly <skelly@cityofmolalla.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 4:14 PM
To: PINNEY Mike * DEQ <Mike.PINNEY@deq.oregon.gov>
Cc: Mitchell Jaspers <mjaspers@cityofmolalla.com>
Subject: GWP and Inf flow meter

Hello Mr. Pinney,

I am reaching out to inquire about when the City might anticipate receiving approval or any requested revisions to our Groundwater Monitoring Plan.

Under our NPDES permit, the City is required to implement the plan within 90 days of approval. If the plan is approved as submitted, implementation will require the installation of two new groundwater monitoring wells. Ideally, we would like to bid and complete the well construction before the winter/wet season. If that timing is not feasible, we would prefer to schedule the work for early spring when site conditions may be more favorable.

Do you anticipate any concerns with this approach or with the timing of implementation? If the 90-day implementation period could create difficulties due to seasonal construction conditions, would the City of Molalla be able to request an extension to 180 days, or a similar timeframe?

An extended implementation period would allow the City sufficient time to competitively bid the work, coordinate with the selected contractor, and plan the well installation for early spring.

I appreciate any guidance you can provide regarding the anticipated review timeline and whether an extension of the implementation period would be appropriate.

Separately, as we discussed a few weeks ago our influent meter has been erratic at times. We were able to determine due to some changes to operations as we are getting into the later part of the irrigation season. We are shutting down the irrigation for the weekends as the stored water in the lagoons are reduced. The operations staff noticed the Influent meter reading correctly during the weekends and reading erratically when our effluent pump were turned on. Our electrically contractor come out and was able to ground out the interference and now the meter is reading correctly consistently.

We did have a flow meter on order as we were working to find a resolution, but I have cancelled it today now that we have found our issue.

I am requesting to utilize averaging the daily flows of each weekend to put an estimated (E) flow on the DMR for the weekdays that follow. With the erratic reading the meter was reading as much as an estimated 2 million gallons off some days. We were able to utilize another meter to try and calculate the influent flow, but unfortunately with side streams and other factors it is hard to conclude that it would be any better of an estimate. The weekend flows without the Effluent pumps on causing interference are similar to historical norms.

I look forward to working with you on the best solutions.

Respectfully,



Seth Kelly

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