



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101**  
**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Docket Number: CWA-10-2024-0072, NPDES No. ID0023167

Penalty Amount: \$7,620.00, Inspection Date: March 28, 2024

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the City of Cascade ("Respondent"), a "person" within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R § 122.2 enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") to resolve Respondent's civil penalty liability for alleged violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit cited above ("Permit").

The EPA finds that Respondent failed to comply with the Permit, that the Permit was issued pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act (Act), 33 U.S.C. § 1342, that Respondent is a "person" as defined in section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and that Respondent is responsible for the violations specified in the attached Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet Violations Form for Wastewater ("Violations Form"). The Violations Form is incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

The EPA also finds, and Respondent admits, that the EPA has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and 40 C.F.R. part 22. Respondent neither admits nor denies the violations specified in the Violations Form.

Respondent agrees to pay a penalty of \$7,620.00. Respondent waives the rights (1) to contest the statements in the Violations Form and (2) to appeal any final order that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer may issue to ratify this Agreement (Final Order).

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that any violations identified in the Violations Form have been corrected. No later than the date it signs this Agreement, Respondent shall submit an itemized list to the EPA detailing the specific actions taken to correct the violations cited in the Violations Form.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Final Order, Respondent will submit electronic payment via [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) or submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

**Regional Hearing Clerk**  
**U.S. EPA, Region 10**  
**Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center**  
**In the Matter of: City of Cascade WWTP**  
**Docket No.: CWA-10-2024-0072**  
**P.O. Box 979078**  
**St. Louis, MO 63197-9000**

Respondent agrees that consistent with section 162(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(1), it will not deduct the penalties paid under this Agreement for federal tax purposes.

This Agreement, upon incorporation into a Final Order and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full resolution of Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the Violations Form. This Agreement does not affect the right of the EPA or the United States to pursue additional violations not specifically listed in the Violations Form or appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the Act and any regulation, order, or permit issued pursuant to the Act.

Prior to requesting that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer issue the Final Order, EPA will provide a copy of the Agreement to the state of Idaho for the purposes of consultation with Idaho on the appropriateness of this Agreement. EPA will also provide public notice of this Agreement and a reasonable opportunity for public comment on it. EPA will address any comments on the Agreement in accordance with section 309(g)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes final 30 days from the date it signed is by the Regional Judicial Officer, unless a petition to set aside this Agreement is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1391(g)(5), following public notice of this Agreement.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name  
(print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title  
(print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY EPA:

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Edward J. Kowalski, Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

More than 40 days have elapsed since providing the Agreement to Idaho and the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

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Wesley Simmons, Case Officer  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law,  
IT IS SO ORDERED:

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Regional Judicial Officer  
Region 10  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet Violations Form For Wastewater

Version 1 (updated April 2019)

*Consult instructions regarding eligibility criteria and procedures prior to use.*



**REGION 10**  
SEATTLE, WA 98101

	<b>LEGAL NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF RESPONSIBLE ENTITY</b>		<b>NPDES Permit Number</b>			
1	City of Cascade PO Box 649 Cascade, ID, 83611		ID0023167			
			Permit Effective Date:	09/05/2019		
			Permit Expiration Date:	02/28/2025		
	<b>LOCATION AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY</b>		EPA Contact Name:	Wesley Simmons		
2	City of Cascade Publicly Owned Treatment Works 800 South Main Street Cascade, ID, 83611		EPA Contact Title:	402 Enforcement Case Officer		
			EPA Office:	Region 10, Seattle, WA		
			<b>FACILITY DESCRIPTION / CONTACT NAMES</b>			
		<b>Name of Facility Contact (ESO Worksheet recipient):</b>	Steve Yamamoto (Public Works Superintendent)			
		<b>Name of Authorized Official (40 CFR 122.22):</b>	Judith R Nissula (Mayor)			
		<b>Are any findings a result of an inspection?</b>	No			
		<b>Inspection Date(s) (if applicable):</b>	N/A			
3		<b>Name of Receiving Water Body (Indicate whether 303(d) listed):</b>	North Fork Payette River			
	<b>PRIVATE ENTITY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR</b>					
4	Is the entity privately owned?	If yes, adjustment factor of 2.0 is applied.	No		1.0	

**FLOW ADJUSTMENT FACTOR**

5	Select the appropriate average volume of flow on a day of discharge in millions of gallons per day (MGD). If a facility discharges only on a periodic basis, do <u>not</u> include days with zero flow when calculating the average flow:				
	A	<0.050 mgd (no adjustment is applied)	No adjustment factor is applied.		
	B	≥0.050 mgd and <0.250 mgd	Adjustment factor of 1.5 is applied.		
	C	≥0.250 mgd and <1 mgd	Adjustment factor of 3.0 is applied.	X	3.0
	D	≥1 mgd and <5 mgd	Adjustment factor of 6.0 is applied.		
	E	≥5 mgd and <10 mgd	Adjustment factor of 10.0 is applied.		
	F	≥10 mgd and <50 mgd	Adjustment factor of 15.0 is applied.		
	G	≥50 mgd	Adjustment factor of 20.0 is applied.		

**REPEAT VIOLATOR ADJUSTMENT FACTOR**

6	A	How many other state and federal formal enforcement actions has the responsible entity been subject to in the last three years? Include enforcement actions at this facility and any other facilities.	For each enforcement action, adjustment factor is increased 50%.		1.0
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<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR</b>				<b>3.00</b>
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Notes: \* RCA = Requires Corrective Action

		Violation(s) / Corrective Action(s)	CWA / Permit Citation	R C A*	No. of Viol- actions	Dollar Amount w/ Adjust. Factor	Total	
		<b>MONITORING / REPORTING</b>						
		<b>ESA eligible if violations occurred within the 24 months immediately prior to the ESA offer.</b>						
7	Failure to submit compliance schedule report:	The permittee failed to comply with the permit's "Special Conditions" parameter related to the compliance schedule in Part 3.2, Table 11, Task No. 9, which states, "The Permittee must "Begin monitoring for required parameters for Outfall 002 in the permit." and "Permittee must provide DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System written notice that the facility has achieved compliance with the final effluent limits."	Part 3.2, Table 11, Task No. 9					
A	Late but less than 30 days late					\$150	=	
B	Submitted more than 30 days late					\$225	=	
C	Not submitted				1	\$450	=	\$450
8	Failure to submit timely discharge monitoring report (DMR) and/or DMR submitted with failure to conduct self-monitoring:							
A	DMR late but less than 30 days late					\$150	=	
B	DMR submitted more than 30 days late					\$225	=	

C	<p>DMR not submitted or DMR submitted with a failure to sample pollutants - conventional pollutants</p> <p>(count each conventional pollutant not reported or not sampled as a violation; BOD, TSS, pH, oil and grease, e. coli, fecal coliform)</p>	<p>The permittee failed to comply with permit parameter 2.2.3 which states, "The Permittee must submit influent, effluent, and receiving water monitoring data electronically using NetDMR, an EPA web-based tool that allows permittees to electronically submit DMRs." These failures to monitor occurred at the receiving waters' upstream (REC1-M) and downstream locations (REC2-M), and at groundwater monitoring well 001 (002-M). The Permittee failed to monitor the following parameters during the monitoring periods noted below;</p> <p>10/31/2023 Phosphorus, Total [as P] (REC1-M)</p> <p>1/31/2023 BOD, 5-day, 20 deg C (002-M) Solids, total suspended (002-M) Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N] (002-M) BOD, 5-day, percent removal (002-M) Solids, suspended percent removal (002-M)</p>	<p>Part 1.2, Table 2 and Table 3</p> <p>Part 2.1.4, Table 7 and Table 8</p> <p>Part 2.2.3</p>		21	\$225 =	\$4,725
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	<p>D</p> <p>DMR not submitted or DMR submitted with a failure to sample pollutants - toxic pollutants</p> <p>(count each toxic pollutant not reported or not sampled as a violation)</p>	<p>12/31/2022  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC1-M)  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC2-M)  Nitrogen, Kjeldahl, total [as N] (002-M)</p> <p>10/31/2022  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC1-M)  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC2-M)</p> <p>9/30/2022  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC1-M)  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC2-M)  E. Coli, MTEC-MF (REC2-M)  Phosphorus, total [as P] (002-M)</p> <p>8/31/2022  Temperature, water deg. Centigrade (REC2-M)</p> <p>5/31/2022  Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N] (002-M)  BOD, 5-day, percent removal (002-M)  Solids, suspended percent removal (002-M)  Phosphorus, total [as P] (002-M)  Nitrite + Nitrate total [as N] (002-M)</p>			\$225 =	
9	<p>Failure to conduct self-monitoring in accordance with permit requirements, including but not limited to required sample type, sample location, representative sampling, meeting 40 CFR 136 or other permit requirements (count each pollutant with one or more failures)</p>				\$75 =	



OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		ESA eligible if violations occurred within the 24 months immediately prior to the ESA offer.					
14	Failure to conduct and document self-inspections of facility (count each month with one or more missed and/or undocumented inspection)				\$120	=	
15	Failure to document all required information in self-inspections or conduct a complete inspection (count each month with one or more partially documented/completed inspection unless the month is accounted for in #15)				\$60	=	
16	Failure to identify and document corrective actions				\$60	=	
17	Failure to meet operation and maintenance requirement of the permit	Operating personnel did not hold valid licenses in wastewater treatment and collections per Permit Section 4.2.5	Section 4.2.5		1	\$300	= \$300
18	Failure to manage removed substances in accordance with the permit				\$750	=	
<b>Subtotal Operations and Maintenance Violations</b>							<b>\$300</b>
EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS		ESA eligible if violations occurred within the 12 months immediately prior to the ESA offer.					
19	Failure to meet effluent limitations:	The Permittee failed to meet effluent limits at Ground Water Monitoring Well 001, (002-M) during the following monitoring periods;					
A	Months with effluent exceedance less than 40% above the limit - conventional pollutants  (count each conventional pollutant separately as a violation; BOD, TSS, pH, oil and grease, e. coli, fecal coliform)	09/30/2023 Solids suspended, percent removal effluent exceedance was < 40%	Part 1.2, Table 3		1	\$150	= \$150

B	Months with effluent exceedance 40% or more above the limit - conventional pollutants  (count each conventional pollutant separately as a violation; BOD, TSS, pH, oil and grease, e. coli, fecal coliform)	02/29/2024 E. coli, MTEC-MF, percent effluent exceedance was > 40%  05/31/2023 Solids suspended, percent removal effluent exceedance was > 40%  03/31/2023 BOD 5-day, percent removal effluent exceedance was > 40%	Part 1.2, Table 3	3	\$225 =	\$675
C	Months with effluent exceedance less than 20% above the limit - toxic pollutants  (count each toxic pollutant separately as a violation)				\$300 =	
E	Months with effluent exceedance 20% or more above the limit - toxic pollutants  (count each toxic pollutant separately as a violation)				\$600 =	

**Subtotal Effluent Limitations Violations** \$825

**RECORDS**

**ESA eligible if violations occurred within the 24 months immediately prior to the ESA offer.**

20	Failure to create/maintain sampling and/or analysis records (count each month with one or more failure)	The Permittee failed to maintain a log of observations for receiving waters per Permit Section 1.2.1	Section 1.2.1	1	\$120 =	\$120
21	Failure to maintain other records required by the permit (count each month with one or more failure excluding records not maintained in #22)	The Permittee failed to maintain documentation of calibration of flowmeter on site for review	Section 4.2.10	1	\$75 =	\$75

**Subtotal Records Violations** \$195

**INDUSTRIAL WASTE**

**ESA eligible if violations occurred within the 60 months immediately prior to the ESA offer.**

22	Failure to meet industrial waste management/pretreatment requirement for POTWs without approved pretreatment programs (excluding failure to provide notice counted in #11)					\$300 =	
<b>ECONOMIC BENEFIT ESTIMATE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ESA eligible if estimated economic benefit of noncompliance is less than total ESA offer.</b></span>							
23	Enter total estimate economic benefit calculated rounded up to the nearest \$50	\$ 2,200	<b>ESA eligible</b>				
<b>Total Expedited Settlement</b>							<b>\$7,620</b>