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Rebecca L Gay,
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153 Courthouse Rd Ste 110
Currituck, NC 27929

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION & INTENT TO ASSESS CIVIL PENALTY

Tracking Number: NOV-2024-LV-0707

Permit No. WQ0000185

Ocean Sands WWTP

Currituck County

Dear Ms. Gay:

A review of the June 2024 Non-Discharge Monitoring Report (NDMR) and Ground Water Monitoring Report (GW59) for the subject facility revealed the violation(s) indicated below:

Limit Exceedance Violation(s):

Sample Location	Parameter	Date	Limit Value	Reported Value	Type of Violation
001	BOD, 5-Day (20 Deg. C) (00310)	6/30/2024	10	33.38	Monthly Average Exceeded
001	Coliform, Fecal MF, MFC Broth, 44.5 C (31616)	6/30/2024	14	49.19	Monthly Geometric Mean Exceeded
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total (as N) (00610)	6/30/2024	4	41.72	Monthly Average Exceeded
001	Solids, Total Suspended (00530)	6/30/2024	15	117.78	Monthly Average Exceeded
MW-4	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total (as N) (00610)	6/30/2024	1,500	28,300	Limit Exceeded
MW-5	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total (as N) (00610)	6/30/2024	1,500	1,900	Limit Exceeded



Limit Exceedance Violation(s):

Sample Location	Parameter	Date	Limit Value	Reported Value	Type of Violation
MW-5	Nitrogen, Nitrate Total (as N) (00620)	6/30/2024	10	24.3	Limit Exceeded
MW-6	Nitrogen, Nitrate Total (as N) (00620)	6/30/2024	10	20.5	Limit Exceeded
MW-7	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total (as N) (00610)	6/30/2024	1,500	11,200	Limit Exceeded
MW-9	Nitrogen, Ammonia Total (as N) (00610)	6/30/2024	1,500	5,500	Limit Exceeded

A Notice of Violation/Intent to Issue Civil Penalty is being issued for the noted violation of North Carolina General Statute (G.S.) 143-215.1 and the facility's Non-discharge Permit. Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.6A, a civil penalty of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) may be assessed against any person who violates or fails to act in accordance with the terms, conditions, or requirements of any permit issued pursuant to G.S. 143-215.1.

If you wish to provide additional information regarding the noted violation, request technical assistance, or discuss overall compliance please respond in writing within ten (10) business days after receipt of this Notice. A review of your response will be considered along with any information provided on the submitted Monitoring Report(s). You will then be notified of any civil penalties that may be assessed regarding the violations. **If no response is received in this Office within the 10-day period, a civil penalty assessment may be prepared.**

Remedial actions should have already been taken to correct this problem and prevent further occurrences in the future. The Division of Water Resources may pursue enforcement action for this and any additional violations of State law. If the violations are of a continuing nature, not related to operation and/or maintenance problems, and you anticipate remedial construction activities, then you may wish to consider applying for a Special Order by Consent.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or to apply for an SOC, please contact Breann Spencer of the Washington Regional Office at 252-402-2244.

Sincerely,

Robert Tankard

Robert Tankard, Assistant Regional Supervisor
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Washington Regional Office
Division of Water Resources, NCDEQ

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