

April 15, 2025

Hearings Officer, Multnomah County Land Use Planning Division
Regarding the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) Treatment Plant (T3-2022-16220)

Further to our letter of May 2, 2023, we continue to have concerns regarding the impact to our rural environment posed by the development and operations of the Portland Water Bureau's treatment plant at SE Carpenter Lane in Multnomah County.

Johnson Creek, which has its headwaters about a mile up the road from our residence and traverses our property, functions as a wildlife corridor for the passage of a variety of species that we have enjoyed observing over the years. Prior to the construction of the filtration plant, we have observed an abundance of wildlife along the creek, which has included to name a few: pileated and red-headed woodpeckers, hawks, pigeons, swifts, hummingbirds, geese, great blue heron, snowy egret, bald eagle, bats, and mallard and merganser ducks, coyotes, and deer. Within the creek, we have observed salamanders, freshwater mussels, crayfish, small trout, and a river otter.

Since the start of construction of the treatment plant, this vibrant ecosystem has been disrupted by the displacement of construction noise heard a mile away and an increase in soil run off into Johnson Creek. The result has been a reduction in wildlife both in and along the creek. The recent LUBA remand order, stopping construction, has only reinforced this observation as the wildlife slowly returns. Therefore, it's imperative to evaluate the impact to the natural resources this project has already caused and will cause in the future should the project proceed as designed.

The impact posed by development of the water filtration plant in this rural community cannot be understated. A comprehensive environmental study focused on protecting Johnson Creek and the surrounding watershed should be cause enough to re-evaluate the location, type of facility, and costs associated with the proposed PWB water treatment plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and observation.

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Observation Example: Lampreys one mile from Johnson Creek headwaters (2022) prior to construction of the PWB water treatment plant – not observed since construction.





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