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### Portland Water Bureau Corrects Compliance Violation

PORTLAND, OR – Portland Water Bureau (PWB) provides high-quality drinking water, customer service and stewardship of the natural resources entrusted to its care. For more than 100 years, PWB has delivered clean water that meets or exceeds both community and regulatory standards.

On April 17, 2014, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued the City of Portland a civil penalty of \$40,800 because its contractor on the Powell Butte Reservoir II project discharged drinking water into Johnson Creek last year. This action did not comply with one of the City's DEQ permits. PWB has never before had a discharge violation of this type. Upon discovery, PWB self-reported the incident to DEQ and took steps to bring the contractor back into compliance in late 2013, ultimately changing the on-site drainage system so that a discharge like this couldn't happen again.

"The City is accountable to a very high standard of environmental protection. When we fall short of that expectation, whether it's City staff or a contractor, we take steps to ensure that it won't happen again," said Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish. "We will continue to partner with the DEQ to make sure that City construction projects have no adverse impact on the environment."

While PWB did not discharge the water, it regrets the violation and is thankful that no adverse impacts were observed in fish or other wildlife in the area.

For details, please visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/compliancefactsheet>.