



CITY OF THE DALLES
Department of Public Works
1215 West 1st Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: May 7, 2018

TOPIC: Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Returned to Compliance

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FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

The discharge from the City of The Dalles Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Columbia River has returned to compliance with permit limits for *E. coli* as of May 6, 2018 at 4:15 p.m. The samples taken on May 5, 2018 throughout the day at the City discharge point to the river were within limits for each individual sample and for an average of five samples. The delay in reading out the test results is due to the 24-hour incubation time that the test requires.

Samples taken at pre-arranged locations in the river late in the day on May 5, 2018 were within limits for each sample.

Signs which were placed at locations of public river access on the Oregon shore of the Columbia River, to warn of contaminated water, will be taken down today.

For information about Washington shore public river access, contact Klickitat County Emergency Management at (509) 773-4545.

The Department is in communication with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and local health department officials to coordinate demobilization. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department office at (541) 296-5401.

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