MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THE JUNE, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT BOWMAN TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 AT 7PM.

THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH IS PATIENCE.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PATSY RHETT.
COUNCILPERSONS PRESENT WERE CARTER, ROGERS AND SMITH WITH GLENN
BEING ABSENT.

THE AGENDA WAS ANNOUNCED AND THE MEETING WENT ACCORDING TO THE PRINTED AGENDA WITH THE NECESSARY CHANGES. PRAYER WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CARTER, THE CIVILITY PLEDGE WAS REPEATED BY ALL COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY COUNCILPERSON SMITH. MOTION WAS MADE FOR APPROVAL OF THE MAY MINUTES, MOTION PASSED. THE FINANCE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED BY ASSISTANT CLERK JOHNSON AND COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNCILMEMBER (SEE ATTACHED). MOTION FOR APPROVAL CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES WERE MADE BY THE MAYOR AS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

THE COUNCIL THEN RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITH INFORMATION FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT BEING READ BY MAYOR RHETT. ALL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND ADOPTED.

MAYOR RHETT THEN TOLD THE BODY ABOUT A REQUEST FOR THE TOWER ON THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN TO BE GIVEN TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS WAS THEN GIVEN TO MR. CARTER FOR FURTHER STUDY. MAYOR IS TO SEND MR. CARTER THE INDIVIDUALS NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

MAYOR RHETT THANKED ALL FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND WISHED THE FATHERS A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. MAYOR RHETT THEN ACCOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A JULY MEETING. NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 5, 2025.

MOTION WAS MADE AND CARRIED FOR ADJOURNMENT.

AGENDA

"HAPPY FATHER'S DAY"

TOWN OF BOWMAN/COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 3, 2025

CHARACTER TRAIT: PATIENCE

Mission Statement: The Town of Bowman government delivers essential services that contribute to the well-being, safety and quality of its citizens. In doing so, we seek to meet the collective needs of our citizens in a cost-effective manner. We strive to provide "Quality Service and Solutions: Mutual Respect and Unity with the Community to reach a positive and productive goal for a common cause."

The Bowman Town Council will meet in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exceptions of July, Special Call meetings and Emergency.

CALL TO ORDER AND GREETINGS MAYOR PATSY RHETT

PRAYER COUNCILPERSON CARTER

CIVILITY PLEDGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE COUNCILPERSON GLENN

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

FINANCE REPORT MRS. JOHNSON/MS. SHULER

MAYOR RHETT

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

COMMUNITY NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT GRANT

2024 WASTE WATER QUALITY REPORT

GALVANIZED SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

COUNCILPERSON SMITH COUNCILMAN CARTER

COUNCILMAN GLENN COUNCILPERSON ROGERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Hurricane Helene Disaster

Recovery Action Plan Input

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Orangeburg County Conference Center June 10th, 2025. 6:00PM - 8:00PM Orangeburg, SC 29115 1643 Russell Street



Meeting Notice – State of South Carolina Hurricane Helene Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program

Orangeburg County

Town Hall Meeting

Project:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced that the State of South Carolina will receive \$150,354,000 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to support long-term recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. According to HUD, "These flexible grants help cities, counties, Indian tribes, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations. Since CDBG-DR assistance may fund a broad range of recovery activities, HUD can help communities and neighborhoods that otherwise might not recover due to limited resources."

The South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) is seeking public input on the HUD-required Action Plan, which outlines how the funds will be used to address disaster-caused unmet needs. Eligible activities under the draft plan include single-family home rehabilitation, replacement and reconstruction, affordable rental housing rehabilitation, voluntary buyouts, and mitigation projects to lessen the impact of future disasters.

Meeting:

A town hall meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 10th</u>, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Orangeburg <u>County Conference Center (1643 Russell Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115)</u>. SCOR team members will deliver a presentation of the draft Action Plan at 6:00pm and will welcome comments and questions from attendees.

In advance of the meeting, a link to the Draft Action Plan will be available at scor.sc.gov/helene starting May 15th, 2025 and will remain online through mid-June 2025. Members of the public may review the draft action plan and submit comments in advance at scor.sc.gov/helene or at the address listed below. A summary of all verbal and written public comments will be included in an updated version of the Action Plan submitted to HUD.

Additional public meetings will be held in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Aiken, and Spartanburg counties, and individuals may attend any meeting no matter which county they live in.

Disaster Case Management:

SCOR's Disaster Case Management (DCM) team will be present at this meeting to meet with survivors who have disaster-caused unmet needs. DCM is a process involving a partnership between a disaster case manager and a citizen impacted by a disaster to help in the long-term with their disaster-caused needs—whether these are financial, physical, or emotional. Case managers work with individuals to develop and carry out an individualized Recovery Plan, with a focus on problem solving and connection to resources and services.

TOWN OF BOWMAN

GENERAL FUND

INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2025

Expected percentage 25%

		MAY YTD		%	REMAINING
	MAY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUES					
REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION	-	43,501.45	80,000.00	54%	36,498.55
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	-	21,165.05	30,000.00	71%	8,834.95
VEHICLE TAX	1,432.15	8,828.85	25,000.00	35%	16,171.15
DELINQUENT TAX	8,726.70	10,354.05	23,000.00	45%	12,645.95
TAX PENALTIES	677.05	1,739.53	3,000.00	58%	1,260.47
MOTOR CARRIER	-	961.00	2,500.00	38%	1,539.00
HOMESTEAD TAX	-	11,622.30	12,500.00	93%	877.70
BUSINESS LICENSE	768.71	5,620.35	9,000.00	62%	3,379.65
FRANCHISE FEES	-		53,706.00	0%	53,706.00
BUILDING PERMITS	-	152.00	500.00	30%	348.00
MERCHANT INVENTORY TAX	-	395.61	1,582.00	25%	1,186.39
ACCOMODATIONS TAX	102.88	102.88	450.00	23%	347.12
GRANTS	-	E E	56,544.00	0%	56,544.00
RENTAL INCOME	4,925.45	14,786.35	57,492.00	26%	42,705.65
STATE TREASURER INCOME	-	5,084.74	20,358.00	25%	15,273.26
MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	-	3,013.51	125,600.00	2%	122,586.49
MAGISTRATE COURT FINES	600.00	5,292.86	23,940.00	22%	18,647.14
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE	-	355.14	2,124.00	17%	1,768.86
GARBAGE COLLECTIONS	3,824.36	14,011.28	65,000.00	22%	50,988.72
INTEREST INCOME	-	12.85	100.00	13%	87.15
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	65.00	3,000.00	2%	2,935.00
CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES	13.50	125.20	900.00	14%	774.80
TOTAL REVENUES	21,070.80	147,190.00	596,296.00	25%	449,106.00
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TOWN OF BOWMAN

GENERAL FUND

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Expected percentage 25%

		MAY YTD		%	REMAINING
	MAY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
EXPENSES					
ADMINISTRATION					
SALARIES -ADM	5,703.44	14,502.97	74,480.00	19%	59,977.03
MAYOR AND COUNCIL		-	5,200.00	0%	5,200.00
RETIREMENT -ADM	1,058.55	2,691.76	13,823.00	19%	11,131.24
FICA -ADM	427.41	1,086.31	5,698.00	19%	4,611.69
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE -ADM	1,305.29	3,911.47	15,569.00	25%	11,657.53
CONTRACT SERVICES	2,878.30	8,630.20	38,000.00	23%	29,369.80
ADVERTISEMENT -ADM	7	241.43	1,000.00	24%	758.57
UTILITIES -ADM	3,017.62	9,769.63	42,340.00	23%	32,570.37
TELEPHONE -ADM	383.05	866.48	4,700.00	18%	3,833.52
SUPPLIES -ADM	321.14	828.78	13,000.00	6%	12,171.22
REPAIRS & MAINTADM	660.00	660.00	7,000.00	9%	6,340.00
INSURANCE -ADM	39.92	4,913.89	18,700.00	26%	13,786.11
LEASE EXPENSE -ADM	275.76	1,819.49	7,500.00	24%	5,680.51
OFFICE SUPPLIES -ADM	212.00	886.58	8,000.00	11%	7,113.42
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS -ADM	306.43	875.51	4,000.00	22%	3,124.49
PENALTIES - Adm	-	258.38	-	**	(258.38)
INTERNET -ADM	287.45	825.09	2,650.00	31%	1,824.91
MISCELLANEOUS -ADM	-	70.64	2,000.00	4%	1,929.36
COMMUNITY EVENTS -ADM	21.40	158.54	-	**	(158.54)
BANK CHARGES	÷	130.53	750.00	17%	619.47
LEGAL & ACCOUNTING -ADM	-		14,000.00	0%	14,000.00
TRAINING -ADM	-		500.00	0%	500.00
HARVENT FESTIVAL -ADM	-		300.00	0%	300.00
TRAVEL -ADM	-	46.07	700.00	7%	653.93
BOND PRINCIPAL	664.00	1,992.00	4,686.00	43%	2,694.00
INTEREST - ADM	-		3,282.00	0%	3,282.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	17,561.76	55,165.75	287,878.00	19%	232,712.25

TOWN OF BOWMAN

GENERAL FUND

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Expected percentage 25%

		MAY YTD		%	REMAINING
	MAY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	70 BUDGET	BUDGET
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POLICE					
SALARIES -POLICE	11,090.36	29,259.18	102,232.00	29%	72,972.82
RETIREMENT -POLICE	2,355.59	6,214.65	21,714.00	29%	15,499.35
FICA -POLICE	803.26	2,120.90	7,821.00	27%	5,700.10
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE-POLICE	2,235.35	6,701.65	26,655.00	25%	19,953.35
CONTRACT SERVICES-POLICE	-	484.00	2,904.00	17%	2,420.00
UTILITIES -POLICE	297.01	1,129.81	5,160.00	22%	4,030.19
TELEPHONE -POLICE	587.25	1,760.67	3,860.00	46%	2,099.33
SUPPLIES -POLICE	-		2,500.00	0%	2,500.00
REPAIRS & MAINTPOLICE	-		500.00	0%	500.00
INSURANCE -POLICE	858.50	5,547.93	15,643.00	35%	10,095.07
UNIFORMS -POLICE	-	-	500.00	0%	500.00
LEASE EXPENSE -POLICE	-	5.94	120.00	5%	114.06
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS -POLICE	1,978.34	1,978.34	-	**	(1,978.34)
AUTO EXPENSE -POLICE	-	728.19	5,000.00	15%	4,271.81
FUEL - POLICE	-		10,800.00	0%	10,800.00
INTERNET - POL	175.62	600.57	1,900.00	32%	1,299.43
MISCELLANEOUS -POLICE	-	20.00	-	**	(20.00)
BANK CHARGES - POLICE	-	91.88	960.00	10%	868.12
LOAN PRINCIPAL - POLICE	-	11,378.65	11,878.00	96%	499.35
INTEREST EXPENSE -POLICE	-	1,565.31	1,066.00	147%	(499.31)
COUNTY COURT COSTS	-	3,229.50	6,460.00	50%	3,230.50
COURT FINES TO STATE	-	1,977.82	12,928.00	15%	10,950.18
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE	-		2,124.00	0%	2,124.00
TOTAL POLICE	20,381.28	74,794.99	242,725.00	31%	167,930.01
SANITATION					
GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES	5,506.75	22,241.00	65,693.00	34%	43,452.00
TOTAL SANITATION	5,506.75	22,241.00	65,693.00	34%	43,452.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	43,449.79	152,201.74	596,296.00	26%	444,094.26
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(22,378.99)	(5,011.74)			

TOWN OF BOWMAN
WATER & SEWER FUND

INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2025

Expected percentage 25%

		MAY YTD		%	REMAINING
	MAY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUES					
WATER REVENUE	12,913.91	41,566.08	231,250.00	18%	189,683.92
SEWER REVENUE	5,834.07	18,054.48	98,750.00	18%	80,695.52
PENALTIES	339.43	2,752.98	12,000.00	23%	9,247.02
NEW ACCOUNT FEES	-	400.00	1,000.00	40%	600.00
CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES	-	351.46	1,900.00	18%	1,548.54
INTEREST INCOME	- 1	6.10	9.00	68%	2.90
OTHER INCOME	-	15.00	-	**	-
COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION	8,895.00	26,685.00	106,740.00	25%	80,055.00
TOTAL REVENUES	27,982.41	89,831.10	451,649.00	20%	361,832.90
EXPENSES					
SALARIES	9,539.72	23,850.68	90,974.00	26%	67,123.32
COUNCIL	-		400.00	0%	400.00
RETIREMENT	1,770.58	4,426.73	16,885.00	26%	12,458.27
FICA	700.91	1,749.52	6,960.00	25%	5,210.48
UNEMPLOYMENT	-	-	550.00	0%	550.00
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	3,384.53	5,997.19	15,532.00	39%	9,534.81
O'BURG COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	3,564.18	10,876.71	52,000.00	21%	41,123.29
CONTRACT SERVICES	2,130.00	9,342.70	32,400.00	29%	23,057.30
LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING	-		5,000.00	0%	5,000.00
ENGINEERING FEES	225.00	3,656.00	-	**	(3,656.00)
ADVERTISEMENT	-	-	50.00	0%	50.00
UTILITIES	2,018.34	6,386.99	21,000.00	30%	14,613.01
TELEPHONE	164.41	493.23	2,040.00	24%	1,546.77
SUPPLIES	907.79	2,578.60	20,000.00	13%	17,421.40
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,125.00	11,141.36	5,000.00	223%	(6,141.36)
LAB SUPPLIES	-	- //	20,000.00	0%	20,000.00
SEWAGE TESTING	1,596.53	3,365.26	-	**	(3,365.26)
CHEMICALS	3,327.70	3,327.70	10,000.00	33%	6,672.30
FEES & LICENSES	763.75	763.75	5,000.00	15%	4,236.25
INSURANCE	1,098.00	6,107.34	16,055.00	38%	9,947.66
TRAINING	-		350.00	0%	350.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES			500.00	0%	500.00

TOWN OF BOWMAN

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WATER & SEWER FUND

INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2025

Expected percentage 25%

	MAY	MAY YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	% BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	400.00	3,549.00	11%	3,149.00
VEHICLE EXPENSE	521.65	1,239.22	10,000.00	12%	8,760.78
FUEL	46.53	46.53	20	**	(46.53)
LOAN PRINCIPAL	6,676.75	20,030.25	80,121.00	25%	60,090.75
INTEREST	2,218.25	6,654.75	26,619.00	25%	19,964.25
MISCELLANEOUS	4		9,164.00	0%	9,164.00
MEALS FOR STAFF	~	82.81	×	**	(82.81)
BANK CHARGES	-	312.28	1,500.00	21%	1,187.72
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,779.62	122,829.60	451,649.00	27%	328,819.40
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(13,797.21)	(32,998.50)	-		

Bowman Police Department

100 Reevesville Rd. / P.O. Box 37 Bowman, SC 29018; Office (803) 829-2511

Monthly Council Report

The Police Department filed a total of 11 incident reports during the month of May. The reports are as follow



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Town of Bowman

May 2025 Activities

- Performed daily NPDES parameters testing. Monitored operations at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Changed over (2) empty Chlorine and (2) Sulphur Dioxide cylinders.
- Staff Gauge flow for accuracy.
- Inspect all lift stations.
- Wastewater plants are going through an upgrade.
- Investigated the quality of the automatic hydrant flushers. Will get a quote for replacement.
- Inspect manholes on Reevesville road.
- Reviewed April 2025 DMR for accuracy.

Respectively,

Cedric A. Hudson



FACT SHEET

Notification of Known or Potential Service Line Containing Lead

Under the 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), water systems must provide people with specific information about their service lines. This requirement begins on **October 16**, **2024**. Since this is a new regulatory requirement, EPA recommends water systems plan ahead to ensure readiness to comply with the new requirements. This fact sheet provides an overview of the EPA's requirements for content, delivery, and timing of this notification.

NOTIFICATION OF KNOWN OR POTENTIAL SERVICE LINE (SL) CONTAINING LEAD

It is important for consumers to know if the water they are receiving has been delivered through a lead, galvanized requiring replacement (GRR), or lead status unknown service line. This information is intended to help owners and/or occupants make decisions on whether and what actions to take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water.

Who must meet this requirement?

All community water systems (CWSs) and non-transient non-community water systems (NTNCWSs) must provide notification of known or potential SL containing lead when applicable.

CONTENT

What Must be Included in Notification of Known or Potential SL containing lead?

Notification content requirements differ depending on if the consumer is serviced by a lead, GRR, or lead status unknown service line.

	Lead	GRR		Lead Status Unknown
1	A statement that the service line is lead.	 A statement that the service line is GRR. 	1	A statement that the service line material is unknown but may be lead.
1	An explanation of the health effects of lead as specified in the rule and below.	 An explanation of the health effects of lead as specified in the rule and below. 	1	An explanation of the health effects of lead as specified in the rule and below.
1	Steps persons at the service connection can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.	Steps persons at the service connection can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.	1	Steps persons at the service connection can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.
1	Information about opportunities to replace LSLs as well as programs that provide financing solutions to replace the LSL.*	Information about opportunities for replacement of the service line.	1	Information about opportunities to verify the material of the service line.

^{*}EPA recommends that water systems ask the owner of the service connection to contact the water system prior to making any arrangements to have the service line replaced.

Health Effects Language: Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

WHO DO I NEED TO PROVIDE A NOTIFICATION TO?

Notifications must be provided to people served by the water system by the given service line.

HOW DO I PROVIDE A NOTIFICATION OF KNOWN OR POTENTIAL SL CONTAINING LEAD?

You must provide the notification, by mail or by another method approved by the primacy agency. An example of another method may be a NTNCWS posting the results on a bulletin board in the facility to allow consumers to review the information.

WHEN DO I PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF KNOWN OR POTENTIAL LSL?

The timing requirements for initial, repeat, and discontinuing notification of known or potential LSL are as follows:

Initial: You must provide the initial notification within **30 days of completion of the initial SL inventory.** You must also provide the notice for new customers at the time-of-service initiation.

Repeat: You must provide repeat notification on an annual basis.

Discontinuing: You may discontinue notification when the entire service line is no longer lead, GRR, or lead status unknown.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information about LSLs, see the EPA's LSL webpage:

https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-service-lines

For more information about lead in drinking water, see the EPA's Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water webpage:

https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water

For more information about the notification of known or potential LSLs, see the EPA's LCR Implementation Tools webpage:

https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule-implementation-tools

Frequently Asked Questions - <u>Notice of a Galvanized Service Line</u> Requiring Replacement

What is a "service line"?

A service line is an underground pipe that carries water from XXXXXXXXXXXXXX water main to a home or business. Each service line requires connections to the water main and to the water lines and plumbing on a customer's property.

Each service line and connection may consist of multiple plumbing material types including, but not limited to, lead, copper, galvanized iron, and plastic.

What is an "initial service line inventory?"

In 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the Lead & Copper Rule (LCRR) to include a new requirement that all water utilities across the country must create initial inventories of their water service lines and connections to find any lead service line or connection that may exist in a water system. These inventories must also include the customers' side of the water meter.

Over the last XX months, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX conducted an initial inventory of our service lines that connect our water mains to your water meter to determine if any of the lines are made of lead. It is now available online at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX For more information about the EPA's revised Lead and Copper Rule, visit www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/revised-lead-and-copper-rule.

This initial inventory requirement is designed to find lead wherever it may remain in our system so XXXXXXXXXXXXX can develop a fair and equitable plan to remove it over the next few years. The initial inventory work for our system and our customer's properties had to be completed and made available to the public by October 16, 2024, but our work will continue until every line is identified.

Should I be concerned about your service line being a galvanized line requiring replacement?

It is important to note that finding a galvanized line requiring replacement does not mean you have been exposed to lead. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX treatment process greatly reduces the possibility lead from service lines could end up in your water.

However, the existence of a galvanized line may increase your risk of exposure. The enclosed letter and this FAQ serve to notify you of this risk, inform you of steps being taken by XXXXXXXXXXX and provide information to help you reduce your risk of lead exposure. If you feel our finding is not accurate, or if you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact us at PHONE or via email at ADDRESSXXXXXXX.

Will XXXXXXXXXXXXX replace the galvanized service line?

This initial inventory requirement under the EPA's revised Lead and Cooper Rule is designed to find lead wherever it may remain in our system so XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX can develop a fair and equitable plan to remove it.

Because XXXXXXXXXXXXX is treatment process is confirmed to be working properly throughout our system, XXXXXXXXXXXX is not replacing galvanized lines requiring replacement until an

effective plan can be developed. If you are concerned about exposure, you can also contact our local health department or your healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead. If you decide to replace your service lines before our plan is completed, please notify XXXXXXXXXXXX so we can replace the portion under our control and test the water at your tap to ensure it is lead-free.

How do I reduce my potential exposure to lead?

- Run the cold water to flush out lead. If water has not been used for several hours, run the
 cold-water faucet for 5 minutes to flush lead from interior plumbing or until it becomes cold
 or reaches a steady temperature before using for drinking or cooking.
- Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.
 - Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
 - Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
- Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.
- Seek alternative water sources or treatment. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter.
 - If you use a filter, make sure it is certified to remove lead. Read the directions to learn how to properly install and use your cartridge and when to replace it.
 - Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead.
 - Do not run hot water through the filter.
 - Contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards for water filters.
- Clean your faucet aerators. Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also referred to as an
 aerator). Sediment, debris, and metals, including lead particles, can collect in the aerator. If
 lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
 - These screens should be removed and cleaned regularly.
 - After removing the aerator, it is recommended you flush the cold-water line for 5 minutes.
- Test your child's lead level. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.

Where can I get more information?

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is also available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.



ELECTRONIC MAIL CONFIRMATION OF EMAIL RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report Town of Bowman NPDES Permit Number SC0040037

Dear Mrs. Rhett:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) on the Town of Bowman's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on March 10, 2025. The objective of the inspection was to assess the Bowman's compliance with the Clean Water Act and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, and to evaluate the general condition of the WWTP. The inspection results have been summarized in the enclosed CEI Report.

The EPA appreciates the Town's cooperation and courtesy during the inspection. If you have specific questions about the inspection report, please contact me at castillo.jairo@epa.gov. Please confirm receipt of this letter and report by emailing me at the email address provided.

Sincerely, JAIRO CASTILLO

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Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report

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Project No. CV-SC0040037-03102025

Date of Inspection: March 10, 2025

Inspectors:
Andrew Gunderson, EPA Region 4

Inspection Report Prepared by:Andrew Gunderson

Title and Approval Sheet

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1. Introduction

On March 10, 2025, representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 and the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) on the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), owned by the Town of Bowman (Town). The inspection was conducted under the authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended. This report provides a summary of the inspection.

2. Participants

Name	Organization	Contact Information		
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3. Facility Description

The WWTP is an aerated lagoon which consists of one mechanical bar screen, back up manual bar screen, one lagoon with four zones, two chlorine contact chambers, and one dechlorination contact chamber. Figure 1 shows an aerial view of the WWTP.

The WWTP is located on Kizer Road, Bowman, South Carolina. The WWTP service population is approximately 500, with most of the influent flow originating from residential sources. Five industrial/commercial customers discharge to the facility. The largest commercial contributor to the facility is a Pilot Travel Center approximately 4.5 miles from the WWTP. The WWTP does not accepts septic system waste or grease hauled from area restaurants.

The WWTP is undergoing upgrades which include an Archimedes screw screen, replacement of aerators, new effluent flow meter, and an addition of a post aeration unit. The project started in October of 2023 and has received funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act.

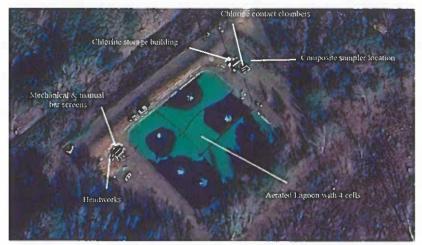


Figure 1: Aerial View of the Town of Bowman's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

4. Inspection Procedures.

The overall objective of this CEI was to evaluate the condition and operational performance of the WWTP and the Town's self-monitoring program and to offer compliance assistance as needed. Specific tasks included conducting an opening conference, interviewing WWTP staff, reviewing laboratory records, conducting a site visit throughout the WWTP, and a closing conference.

5. Findings & Conclusions

A. Permit Review

The Town's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has an effective date of November 1, 2018, and expired on October 31, 2023. The permit has been administratively continued. The State of South Carolina received a renewal application from the Town on May 30, 2023. which was less than 180 days before permit expiration. The application was deemed technically complete by the State of South Carolina on May 7, 2024.

The NPDES permit authorizes the Town to discharge treated sewage from Outfall 001 into Cow Castle Creek to Four Hole Swamp. The NPDES permit contains two Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements tables for Outfall 001 at the WWTP's current permitted capacity of 0.236 million gallons per day (MGD). The table listed in Part III.A.1 provides interim limits that become effective on November 1, 2018 until November 30, 2021. The table in Part IIIA.2 outlines finial limitations which became effective December 1, 2021, until permit expiration.

B. Records and Reports

The EPA's Integrated Compliance Information System database shows that the WWTP exceeded permit effluent limits as listed in Appendix A (List of Effluent Exceedances) from February 2022 through February 2025.

C. Flow Measurement

The WWTP utilizes a portable staff gauge to measure flow discharging from the effluent 45° V-notch weir. No electronic flow meters are installed at the facility. A new effluent ultrasonic flow meter was onsite waiting installation. Additional power poles are needed to facilitate installation. The WWTP is currently permitted for a discharge 0.236 MGD.

D. Sampling/Laboratory

The WWTP operator records flow and conducts in-situ sampling of pH, Total Residual Chlorine, and dissolved oxygen. The parameters for pH and dissolved oxygen are collected after the WWTP's 45° V-notch weir but prior to the dechlorination.

The Town utilizes Eurofins laboratory services to collect and analyze samples for Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 5-day (CBOD₅), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Residual Chlorine, Total Copper, total Ammonia, E. coli., and Ultimate Oxygen Demand (UOD).

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Part 1.D.4. of the permit states:

"If the effluent flow varies by less than 15 percent, a combination of not less than 8 influent or effluent grab samples of constant (equal) volume collected at regular (equal) time intervals over a specified period of time. (This method maybe used with prior Department approval.)"

WWTP's flows were noted to vary by greater than 15 percent based on flow logs. The WWTP permit requires effluent composite samples to be collected via a flow proportional method.

E. Site Visit (Operation and Maintenance)

(References to photos can be found in Appendix B - Photograph Log)

The WWTP site visit started at the headworks and ended at the dechlorination basin. The following components were observed:

- Newly installed Archimedes screw screen was operational and being used in-lieu of using the manual bar screen (Photo 1).
- All aerators were operational (Photo 2).
- The ventilation grate within chlorine gas building was broken (Photo 3).
- One post on the fence surrounding the chlorine contact chamber was broken at the base and temporary concrete repairs were recently made to the chlorine contact chamber (Photo 4).
- Effluent was seeping around the V-notch weir plate (Photo 4).

F. Sludge Handling

Screenings from the WWTP's headworks are removed and placed within bins near the headworks and is hauled to the Orangeburg County Landfill for disposal. No records exist of sludge being removed from the lagoon.

G. Effluent/Receiving Water

The effluent appeared to be clear and void of solids. The discharge from Outfall 001 at Cow Castle Creek could not be observed due to the distance from the facility and weather conditions.

7. Discussion

The Town's WWTP is currently in a transition phase as ongoing upgrades are being completed onsite across both sides of the lagoon.

Additionally, the Town should review sampling methods and operations to ensure compliance wth all permit requirements. The WWTP staff should also review the Town's current use of composite sample collection when facility flows vary by greater than 15 percent. Sulfur dioxide in an aqueous solution can change the levels of pH and DO in the effluent in the process of dechlorination¹. Since the WWTP DO and pH effluent samples are collected before the dechlorination process, the WWTP staff should consult with the SCDES permitting office to discuss the proper location for these samples.

¹ Wastewater Factsheet, Dechlorination, EPA 832-F-00-022 https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/dechlorination.pdf

Appendix A: List of Effluent Exceedances

Parameter	Limit Value	Limit Units	Period	DMR Value	Exceedance %	Monitoring Period End Date
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	10	127	2/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	13	97	2/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	. WKLY AVG	9.67	47	3/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	8.36	90	3/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	11	150	4/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	13	97	4/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	8.9	35	5/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	8.2	86	5/28/2022
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	57	25	5/28/2022
E. coli	126	MPN/100mL	30DAVGEO	7	LIMIT VIOLATION	6/28/2022
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	6/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	12	173	6/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	15	127	6/28/2022
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	48	49	6/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/l.	WKLY AVG	8.5	29	7/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	6.2	41	7/28/2022
Carbonaceous oxygen demand, % removal	65	%	MO AV MN	64	3	8/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	9.4	114	8/28/202
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	13	97	8/28/202
Oxygen demand, ultimate	68.4	lb/d	WKLY AVG	74	8	8/28/202
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	51	12	8/28/202

Parameter	Limit Value	Limit Units	Period	DMR Value	Exceedance %	Monitoring Period End Date
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	49	46	8/28/2022
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2419.6	LIMIT VIOLATION	9/28/2022
E. coli	126	MPN/100mL	30DAVGEO	49.2	LIMIT VIOLATION	9/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	13	97	9/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	9.8	123	9/28/2022
E. coli	126	MPN/100mL	30DAVGEO	184	LIMIT VIOLATION	10/28/2022
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	10/28/2022
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	33	91	10/28/2022
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	56	26	11/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	12.7	189	12/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total (as N)	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	14.7	123	12/28/2022
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	8.7	lb/d	MO AVG	11	26	1/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	13	lb/d	WKLY AVG	14	8	1/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	18.3	177	1/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	17.6	300	1/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	63	38	1/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	68.4	lb/d	WKLY AVG	77	13	1/28/2023
BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C]	15.1	mg/L	MO AVG	15.2	1	2/28/2023
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	2/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	11	150	2/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	12	82	2/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	53	16	2/28/2023

Parameter	Limit Value	Limit Units	Period	DMR Value	Exceedance %	Monitoring Period End Date
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	7.23	64	4/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	7.32	11	4/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	9.6	45	5/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	9.3	111	5/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	46	1	5/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	68.4	lb/d	WKLY AVG	76	11	5/28/2023
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	36	83	5/28/2023
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	435	25	6/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	10	127	6/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	11	67	6/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	8.7	lb/d	MO AVG	10	15	6/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	68.4	lb/d	WKLY AVG	76	11	6/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	65	43	6/28/2023
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	54	31	6/28/2023
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2419.6	LIMIT VIOLATION	7/28/2023
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	47	51	7/28/2023
E. coli	126	MPN/100mL	30DAVGEO	16.5	LIMIT VIOLATION	8/28/2023
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	8/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	6.7	52	8/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	6.8	3	8/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	8.7	lb/d	MO AVG	9.2	6	8/28/2023
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	59	29	8/28/2023
Copper, total [as Cu]	0.023	mg/L	MO AVG	0.025	9	9/1/2023

Parameter	Limit Value	Limit Units	Period	DMR Value	Exceedance %	Monitoring Period End Date
E. coli	. 349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	9/28/2023
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	43	63	9/28/2023
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	31	97	10/28/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	5.5	25	12/29/2023
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	53	34	12/29/2023
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	8.7	32	1/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	8.1	84	1/29/2024
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	44	60	1/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	5.2	18	2/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	5.9	34	3/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	4.8	9	4/29/2024
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	21	126	4/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.05	lb/d	MO AVG	0.51	920	5/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.09	lb/d	DAILY MX	0.92	922	5/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.044	mg/L	DAILY MX	1.12	2445	5/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.025	mg/L	MO AVG	0.64	2460	5/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	5.7	30	5/29/2024
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	22	123	5/29/2024
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	6/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	10	127	6/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	13	97	6/29/2024
Solids, suspended percent removal	65	%	MO AV MN	54	31	6/29/2024

Parameter	Limit Value	Limit Units	Period	DMR Value	Exceedance %	Monitoring Period End Date
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	15.9	141	7/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	10.3	134	7/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	12	173	8/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	12	82	8/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.044	mg/L	DAILY MX	1	2173	9/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.025	mg/L	MO AVG	0.51	1940	9/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.05	lb/d	MO AVG	0.47	840	9/29/2024
Chlorine, total residual	0.09	lb/d	DAILY MX	0.94	944	9/29/2024
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	1414	305	9/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	12.8	94	9/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	7.7	75	9/29/2024
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	5.3	20	10/29/202
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	6.9	5	10/29/202
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	525	50	11/29/202
E. coli	126	MPN/100mL	30DAVGEO	345	174	12/29/202
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	12/29/202
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	4.9	11	1/29/2025
E. coli	349	MPN/100mL	DAILY MX	2420	LIMIT VIOLATION	2/28/2025
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	4.4	mg/L	MO AVG	13.4	205	2/28/2025
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	6.6	mg/L	WKLY AVG	14	112	2/28/2025
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	13	lb/d	WKLY AVG	34	162	2/28/2029
Nitrogen, ammonia total [as N]	8.7	lb/d	MO AVG	30	245	2/28/2025
Oxygen demand, ultimate	68.4	lb/d	WKLY AVG	190	178	2/28/2029
Oxygen demand, ultimate	45.6	lb/d	MO AVG	160	251	2/28/2029

Appendix B: Photograph Log



Photo 1: Archimedes screw screen

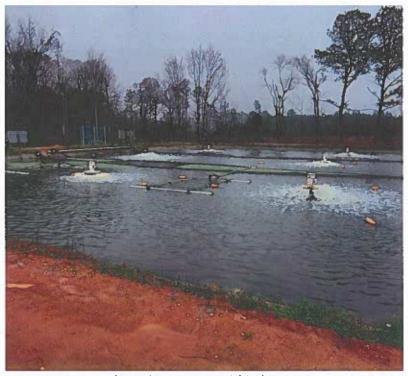


Photo 2: Aerators within lagoon

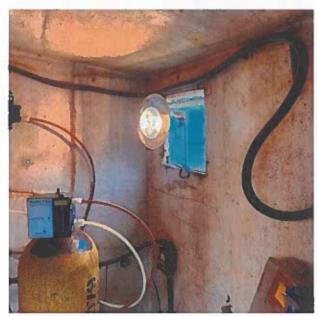


Photo 3: Broken vent within chlorine storage area



Photo 4: Water seeping around v-notch weir plate and recent concrete repairs with broken post.

END OF REPORT