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Casey Garrett, Chair Columbia County Board of Commissioners 230 Strand St St. Helens, OR 97051

Dear Chair Garrett,

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division (PHD) conducted the triennial review of Columbia County between 05/01/2022 and 07/31/2022. This letter informs you that the review is closed.

The Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) Administrator, Jaime Aanensen, will receive reports for each program area reviewed, any compliance findings, and the corrective actions required to resolve the findings. **All compliance findings are resolved.** OHA-PHD staff determined findings based on compliance with federal and state statutes or rules, the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services (PH-IGA), and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Environmental Health Services (EH-IGA).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic response and related emergent priorities, OHA-PHD and LPHAs were flexible in completing the scheduled triennial reviews. Some reviews were postponed or modified to reduce the burden on LPHA staff. In addition, due to similar competing priorities within OHA-PHD, we have been delayed in finalizing triennial review documentation. OHA-PHD anticipates that the regular triennial review schedule and related procedures will be in place for all reviews starting January 1, 2023.

Thank you and your public health staff for your unwavering commitment to serving your community during these recent unprecedented years.

Sincerely,

Danna Drum Local and Tribal Public Health Manager

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