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Draft Industrial Stormwater General Permit Public Hearing

2:03pm Monday, March 12, 2012

South Seattle Community College – Georgetown Campus

Room C110/111

6737 Corson Avenue South

Seattle, WA 98108

Summary of Comment(s)

[Please note: this is a summary of the oral comment(s). If you wish to hear the public hearing and testimony in its entirety, you may listen to the audio file provided.]

(1:13)

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My comments are limited to revisions to the numeric effluent limits, for discharges to 303(d) listed water bodies.

It's easy to construe it that you're almost giving up on 303(d) water bodies. When Ecology's rationale for the changes is explained, understand you're looking for regulatory flexibility; that may or may not be justified. The 303(d) impaired waterbodies, we're supposed be working harder to protect - concerned the proposed changes can in effect reverse that. Even if not in effect, it's sort of an attitude. (2:43)

If we're doing quarterly monitoring anyway, and we have the numbers/data available, why don't we use that? Leaves too much room for ambiguity. How much is too much? Previous limits, based on state limits, that's easy to justify. Troublesome to adjust them, if they don't concur with the state limits, you [Ecology] need to figure out how to make these mesh.

Concern is that we change rules more in direction of protecting resource, not away from it.

End of oral comment(s)

End of Public Hearing

2:10 pm, March 12, 2012