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PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing the Phase I and II Western Washington Municipal Stormwater General Permits

Municipal Stormwater Permits

On August 1, 2012, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued Phase I and Phase II Western Washington National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal stormwater general permits (permits). Ecology previously issued the two current permits January 17, 2007.

RCW 90.48.260 directs Ecology to reissue the Phase II Western Washington permits as follows:

- Reissue the existing Western Washington Phase II permit without modification to become effective beginning September 1, 2012, and
- Reissue the updated Western Washington Phase II permit to become effective beginning August 1, 2013.

Ecology is reissuing the Phase I permit with modifications to monitoring requirements to become effective on September 1, 2012, and is also issuing an updated Phase I permit to become effective beginning August 1, 2013.

Purpose of the Permits

These permits are required in urban areas that collect stormwater runoff in municipal separate storm sewers and discharge it to surface waters. A municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is a conveyance or system of conveyances including roads with drainage systems, municipal

streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels and/or storm drains which is:

1. Owned or operated by a city, town, county, district, association, or other public body created pursuant to state law having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, stormwater, or other wastes, including special districts under state law such as a sewer districts, flood control districts or drainage districts, or similar entity;
2. Designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater;
3. Not a combined sewer system; and
4. Not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) (see 40 CFR 122.2).

Copies of the Permit

The permits, response to comments, and fact sheets are available online at:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/PermitsPermittees.html. You may request copies from Kim Adams at (360) 407-6401 or by email at Kimberly.Adams@ecy.wa.gov.

Public Notice Process and Comments

Ecology accepted written comments on the draft permits and fact sheets from **October 19, 2011 to February 3, 2012**. Ecology accepted oral comments at three public hearings preceded by workshops. These hearings were held in Lacey, Renton, and Vancouver, Washington. Ecology held four additional public workshops without hearings across the state.

Your Right to Appeal the Permits

You have a right to appeal the new permits to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this notice. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this permit issuance notice:

- File your appeal and a copy of this notice with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this notice on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

Address and Location Information

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk P.O. Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW, Suite 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board P.O. Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903