

November 17, 2005 Water Quality Partnership Meeting

- **2002/2004 Integrated Report APPROVED!!**

EPA approval letter can be found at this link:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/2002/2002-index.html>

- **Changes to Listing Policy for 2006 Listing Process**

- Make more generic so can be used in the future without changes.
- Waterbody Segments - describe future expectations for transition (see attached paper)
- How to Submit Data - clarify the actual format we want to see the data in, signal that we are moving to an Environmental Information Management only submittal format, if do not want to use EIM work with us to get in the correct format this will assist with quality control information we need and location information. This will take care of additional data quality assurance oversight we are building into the process. For more information on EIM go to : <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/eim/index.htm>
- Clarify areas of the policy that we had some difficulty with -
- Category 4b: Make sure language and 2006 guidance are consistent. Focus on implementation, enforcement authority and waterbody specific.
- Biocriteria – provide more information on how we will use that data and the data quality
- **Natural Condition Work Group** –two meetings scheduled. Goal is to see if group can develop (agree) on some options Ecology can use to address natural condition issues that came up during the last listing process. The following are on this work group:

John Gross - Kalispell

John Konovsky - Squaxin

Lincoln Loehr representing Everett

Ken Johnson – Weyerhaeuser

Christine Psyk - EPA

Llewellyn Matthews – Pulp and Paper Association

Hal Michael – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Nina Bell – Northwest Environmental Advocates

Patrick Monk – Irrigation District

Tom Ostrom - Suquamish

Heather Rowton – Washington Forest Protection Association

- **Underground Injection Control Rule** – Hope to finalize rule language and adopt the rule by mid December.

Key Comments:

- Difficult to single out UIC wells within stormwater systems and many parts of the system may use perforated pipe – added language to convey that storm drain components that contain perforated pipes, drain tiles or other similar mechanisms designed and intended to convey water directly or indirectly to a surface water body are exempt.

- Questions on how the UIC rule and the stormwater permits work together – if stormwater BMPS in Ecology manuals or approved other manual then wells meet the non endangerment standard – still have to be registered.
- Defining septic systems that are UIC wells by the number of people served instead of design capacity – add language to say 20 people which is equivalent to 3500 gpd.
- Guidance first or rule first –

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