



July 15, 2009

Jeff Killelea  
Department of Ecology  
PO Box 47600  
Olympia, WA. 98504-7600

RE: Draft Washington State Industrial Storm Water Permit

Dear Mr. Killelea:

The Manufacturing Industrial Council represents industrial businesses in greater Seattle, including many that operate along shorelines and on the water. You can learn more about our group at [www.seattleindustry.org](http://www.seattleindustry.org).

Before the Department of Ecology finalizes the Draft Washington State Industrial Storm Water Permit, we urge department staff to hold a workshop on the draft permit in Seattle. Adequate time is still available to conduct such a workshop without compromising DOE's goal of finalizing the permit by the end of October.

Seattle is home to the largest marine business cluster on the west coast of the United States. It is also a major regional hub for companies engaged in metal trades, boat building, construction and transportation. We feel it would be a major missed opportunity for DOE to not extend its workshop outreach program to this community given the need for more effective regulations to clean up Puget Sound.

Some of our members who are tracking the draft permit process feel DOE already made a few changes that clarified or simplified provisions that would have posed unintended barriers to water quality and habitat improvements. However, concerns continue to exist regarding the practical challenges and costs of complying with many other provisions. A workshop in Seattle would provide an appropriate forum to dispel or respond to these concerns.

Please call if we can answer any questions. We will include you in any additional communications regarding this matter. You can reach me at this email address, by phone at 206-762-2470 or by mail care at: MIC, PO Box 81063, Seattle, WA., 98108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Gering". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Gering, Executive Director  
Manufacturing Industrial Council of Seattle