



# City of Clarkston

WATER QUALITY PROGRAM  
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Municipal Permit Comments  
WA Department of Ecology  
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RE: Phase II Stormwater Permitting

To Whom It May Concern,

As Mayor of the City of Clarkston with the support of our City Council respectfully offer our comments relating to the proposed changes to the Phase II Stormwater regulations. As with any jurisdiction juggling the budgetary challenges of today's economy we must express our concern with any changes that either increase work load or budget.

The Department of Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency must realize that the mandates as they are passed through to the citizens of our state may make jurisdictions decide between compliance with unfunded mandates or maintaining and improving existing infrastructure that is constantly in need of care. Not unlike those on fixed incomes deciding between food and medicine.

In our particular case, we are to the point where we are currently asking our already diminished staff to forego contract pay increases in order to remain solvent. We have also removed budgetary support to programs that we have supported for years.

This being said, the City Council and I would like to once again request a reconsideration of any action that will increase the regulatory aspects of the Phase II Stormwater permitting process, now or in the future.

Respectfully,

Kathleen A. Warren  
Mayor



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