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PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing the modifications of Eastern Washington Phase II and Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater General Permits for Public Review

The Proposed Permit Modifications

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to issue two modified general permits for public review and comment on March 18, 2009. These permits include the Phase II Western Washington and Eastern Washington Municipal Stormwater General Permits issued on January 17, 2007. Ecology is modifying the permits to implement the outcomes of permit appeals.

Purpose of the Municipal Stormwater General Permits

Federal and state water quality laws require a permit for the discharge of stormwater (see Federal Water Pollution Control Act Title 22 United States Code, Section 1251 et seq., state Water Pollution Control Act RCW 90.48 and Washington Waste Discharge General Permit regulation WAC 173-226-130). The permits address these legal requirements and control the discharge of pollutants to protect surface water and ground water quality in Washington State. The permits require municipalities and secondary permittees to develop and implement a stormwater management program to control stormwater runoff into and from their storm sewer system.

Applying for a Permit and Coverage Areas

The permits remain in effect during this modification process. Geographic areas of permit coverage are available at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/index.html>

Requesting Copies of the Proposed Permit Modifications

Beginning March 18, 2009, you may request copies of the permit modifications and fact sheet or download copies from the website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/permitMOD.html>

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Submitting Written and Oral Comments

Ecology will accept written and oral comments on the draft permits and fact sheet until **5 pm, May 1, 2009**. Ecology prefers comments to be submitted by email. Comments should reference the specific permit(s) and specific text when possible.

Submit written comments to: Municipal Permit Comments
Washington State Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Submit comments by e-mail to: SWPermitComments@ecy.wa.gov

Written comments must be postmarked no later than **5 pm, May 1, 2009**. You must send email comments before **5 pm, May 1, 2009**. You may provide oral testimony at either public hearing.

Hearings and Workshops

The public hearings and workshops on the permit modifications are scheduled to be held in Tacoma and Moses Lake, Washington. A hearing will immediately follow each workshop to provide the opportunity for formal oral testimony and comments on the proposed permit(s).

April 22, 2009 (2:30 pm) – Moses Lake
Moses Lake Fire Station, 701 E Third St
Moses Lake, Washington (509)765-2204
Phase II EWA permit only

April 23, 2009 (2 pm) – Tacoma
Pierce County Library System, 3005 112th St E
Tacoma, Washington (253) 536-6500
Phase I and Phase II WWA permits only

Ecology has scheduled three additional informational workshops around the state. For more information go to: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/permitMOD.html>

Issuing the Final Modified Permits

After Ecology receives and considers all public comments, it will issue the modified permits. If public comments cause a substantial change in the permit conditions from the original permit modifications, another public notice of draft and comment period will occur. If there is no substantial change to the drafts Ecology expects to issue the modified permits in the summer of 2009. The permits will be effective 30 days later. When issued, Ecology will send a copy of the notice of issuance and Ecology's responses to the comments to all persons who submitted written comment or gave oral testimony at the public hearings.