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RE: **UPDATED**  
Timeline Clarification for S5.C.5 Ordinance and Manual Adoption  
Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (WAR04-4503)

Dear Robert,

On May 13, 2008 the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a letter to Seattle stating that an email dated April 24, 2008 constituted Ecology's "written response" under permit condition S5.C.5. The letter calculated a deadline for adoption of the program under S5.C.5 in accordance with Special Condition S5.C.5.b.iv.

Ecology's comments and requests for clarifications regarding the Draft Manual and Ordinances are part of a review process that is ongoing and necessary for both parties to achieve an approvable program for new and redevelopment and construction sites. Ecology is revising its earlier decision that the date of emailed comments (April 24, 2008) constitutes the "written response" date for the purposes of adoption deadline calculations. Because we did not make this clear at the time of the emailed comments, Ecology has reconsidered our earlier decision. **The date of this letter will constitute the "written response" date and the deadline for adoption will be extended by the number of calendar days beyond 60 that this response was provided.**

Ecology has re-calculated Seattle's deadline for adoption of the program under S5.C.5 to be September 21, 2008, or 36 days extended from August 16<sup>th</sup> 2008.



I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this determination process may have caused for you or your program. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to working with you to achieve an approvable manual and ordinance over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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

Rachel McCrea  
Municipal Stormwater Specialist

cc: Kevin Buckley, SPU (electronic copy only)  
Julie Lowe, Ecology HQ (electronic copy only)  
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