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Shauna Hansen
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Environmental Services, Science and Engineering
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Tacoma, WA 98421-2711

Re: **UPDATED**
Timeline Clarification for S5.C.5 Ordinance and Manual Adoption, Phase I Municipal
Stormwater Permit (WAR04-4003)

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On May 15, 2008 the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a letter to the City of Tacoma stating that an email dated April 11, 2008 constituted Ecology's "written response" to the 2008 Draft Surface Water Management Manual and associated draft code submittal under permit condition S5.C.5. In that letter we stated that Ecology would not be required to extend the August 18, 2008 adoption date for the Draft Manual and Ordinances under this declaration, because the response was within the allotted 60 day timeline from the February 15, 2008 submittal.

Ecology's previous comments and request 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 11, 2008) constitutes the "written response" date for the purposes of calculating the adoption deadlines. 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 the City's deadline for adoption of the program under S5.C.5 to be September 21, 2008, or 36 days extended from August 16th 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 at 360-407-6364 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, appearing to read "Kurt Fremont". The signature is stylized with a large initial "K" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kurt Fremont
Municipal Stormwater Specialist
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Water Quality Program

cc: Julie Lowe, Ecology