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Mr. Matt Zarecor
Spokane County
1026 W. Broadway Avenue
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Re: Spokane Regional Stormwater Manual Equivalency

Dear Mr. Zarecor:

Thank you for your cooperation and responsiveness on behalf of Spokane County. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) completed its review of the *Spokane Regional Stormwater Manual* and finds that it meets the minimum permit requirements.

According to Special Condition S5 of the Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, permittees must require project and property owners to adhere to the minimum technical requirements in Appendix 1. The minimum technical requirements must include BMP selection, design, installation, operation, and maintenance standards necessary to protect water quality, reduce discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable, and satisfy all known, available, and reasonable treatment (AKART) requirements. Appendix 1 includes seven core elements:

- Core Element #1: Preparation of a Stormwater Site Plan
- Core Element #2: Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention
- Core Element #3: Source Control of Pollution
- Core Element #4: Preservation of Natural Drainage System
- Core Element #5: Runoff Treatment
- Core Element #6: Flow Control
- Core Element #7: Operation and Maintenance

To fulfill the requirement of Special Condition S5, the county developed the *Spokane Regional Stormwater Manual*. Ecology used an iterative review/revision process to determine that the *Spokane Regional Stormwater Manual* adheres to the minimum technical requirements in Appendix 1 of the Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit thus meeting the minimum permit requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Mieke Hoppin by telephone at (360) 407-6435 or via email at mhop461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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