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April 11, 2022

Doug Ten Hoopen  
North County Fire/EMS  
8117 267th Street NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

Re: Administrative Order No. 20944 to permanently fill/impact 824 ft<sup>2</sup> of non-federally regulated wetlands, which are waters of the state, to construct the North County Fire/EMS in Snohomish County, Washington

Dear Doug Ten Hoopen:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) on December 17, 2021, requesting authorization for proposed work in non-federally regulated wetlands, which are waters of the state. Ecology has determined that the proposed work, as conditioned by the enclosed Order, will comply with applicable provisions of Chapter 90.48 RCW and other applicable requirements of state law.

This approval is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order. **You must familiarize yourself with and abide by the conditions in the Order, including all notification requirements.** If you have any questions, please contact Doug Gresham at (425) 429-1846 or by email at [doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov). The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Burcar".

Joe Burcar,  
Section Manager  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Enclosure: Administrative Order

Sent by email to: [dtenhoopen@northcountyfireems.com](mailto:dtenhoopen@northcountyfireems.com)

ecc: Jeff Mallahan, Wetland Resources  
Amanda Nadjkovic, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Jeff Mallahan, Wetland Resources  
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IN THE MATTER OF ISSUING AN ) ORDER No. 20944  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO ) Corps Ref. No. NWS-2021-941  
NORTH COUNTY/EMS ) North County Fire Training Facility,  
Pursuant to RCW 90.48.120 and WAC 173-201A ) Wetlands, located in Snohomish County

TO: North County Fire/EMS  
Attn: Doug Ten Hoopen  
8117 267th Street NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

This is an Administrative Order requiring North County Fire/EMS to comply with Chapter 90.48 RCW and the rules and regulations of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) by taking certain actions which are described below. RCW 90.48.120(2) authorizes Ecology to issue Administrative Orders requiring compliance whenever it determines that a person has violated or creates a substantial potential to violate any provision of Chapter 90.48 RCW.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a jurisdictional determination on November 29, 2021, concluding that Wetland F is not a water of the U.S. On December 17, 2021, Ecology received a request to impact 824 ft<sup>2</sup> of non-federally regulated wetlands, which are waters of the state, to construct the North County Fire Training Facility in Snohomish County. The project is located at 2930 300<sup>th</sup> Street NW in Snohomish County, Section 15, Township 32N., Range 4E., and WRIA 5-Stillaguamish.

This Administrative Order authorizes 824 ft<sup>2</sup> of Category III wetland impacts at the project location. Mitigation for this impact consists of 8,652 ft<sup>2</sup> of on-site enhancement in Wetland A.

For purposes of this Order, the term “Applicant” shall mean North County Fire/EMS and its agents, assigns, and contractors.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with RCW 90.48.120(2):

IT IS ORDERED that the Applicant shall comply with the following:

**A. General Conditions:**

1. The Applicant shall construct and operate the project in a manner consistent with the project description contained in the JARPA received by Ecology December 17, 2021 or as otherwise approved by Ecology.
2. For purposes of this Order, all submittals required by its conditions shall be sent to [fednotification@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to [doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov). Any submittals shall reference Order No. 20944.

3. The Applicant shall provide access to the project site and mitigation site upon request by Ecology.
4. Copies of this Order shall be kept on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and forepersons, and state and local government inspectors.
5. Nothing in this Order waives Ecology's authority to issue additional orders if Ecology determines further actions are necessary to implement the water quality laws of the state. Further, Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if additional impacts due to project construction or operation are identified (e.g., violations of water quality standards, downstream erosion, etc.), or if additional conditions are necessary to further protect the public interest.
6. The Applicant shall ensure that all appropriate project engineers and contractors at the project site have read and understand relevant conditions of this Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this Order.

**B. Notification Requirements:**

1. The Applicant shall provide written notification to Ecology in accordance with condition A.2. for the following activities:
  - a. Immediately following a violation of the state water quality standards or when the project is out of compliance with any condition of this Order.
  - b. At least seven (7) days prior to conducting work activities in wetlands.
  - c. Within seven (7) days of completing work activities in wetlands.

**C. Wetland Mitigation Conditions:**

1. The Applicant shall mitigate wetland impacts as described in the Mitigation Plan–North County Fire Training Facility prepared by Wetland Resources, dated December 16, 2021, and the Mitigation Plan Revision 1–North County Fire Training Facility prepared by Wetland Resources, dated March 18, 2022 (hereafter called the “Mitigation Plan”), or as revised and approved by Ecology.

2. The Applicant shall provide a status report on the mitigation construction to Ecology 13 months from the date of permit issuance. Annual status reports on mitigation construction are required until mitigation construction is complete.
3. The Applicant shall have a qualified wetland professional at the wetland mitigation site to supervise during construction and planting.
4. Unless otherwise approved by Ecology in writing, the Applicant shall begin the compensatory mitigation project before, or concurrently with impacting wetlands, or Ecology may require additional compensation to account for additional temporal loss of wetland functions.
5. The Applicant shall follow the steps below to record a deed notification for the on-site wetland enhancement area in Wetland A:
  - a. Send a draft deed notification to Ecology for review prior to recording and make edits based on Ecology's comments.
  - b. Record, on the mitigation site property deed, a description of the mitigation area identified in the final mitigation plan and a site map from the final wetland mitigation plan or as-built report showing the location of wetlands and their buffers.
  - c. Record these documents with the County Recording Office, Registrar of Deeds, or other official responsible for maintaining records for, or interest in, real property.
  - d. Submit proof of this recorded documentation to Ecology unless otherwise approved by Ecology.

#### **D. Timing**

1. This Order will expire when all its conditions have been met.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this Order.

#### **Your right to appeal**

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.

- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

**Filing an appeal with the PCHB:**

**Mailing Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
PO Box 40903  
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

**Street Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
1111 Israel RD SW  
STE 301  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:**

**Mailing Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

**Street Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

## Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

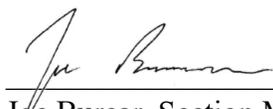
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## More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**  
<http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Board/PCHB>
- **Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>
- **Chapter 90.48 RCW – Water Pollution Control**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48>
- **Chapter 173.204 WAC – Sediment Management Standards**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204>
- **Chapter 173-200 WAC – Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200>
- **Chapter 173-201A WAC – Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A>

## SIGNATURE

Dated this 11th day of April, 2022 at the Department of Ecology, Shoreline, Washington



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Joe Burcar, Section Manager  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program  
Northwest Regional Office