

# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

#### **Northwest Region Office**

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August 26, 2024

City of Kent ATTN: Melissa Dahl 400 West Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **22945** (Corps No. **NWS- 2023-0351**), Mill Creek Reestablishment (Little Property Reach), King County, Washington

#### Dear Melissa:

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the City of Kent submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Mill Creek Re-establishment (Little Property Reach), King County, Washington.

On behalf of the state of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies with conditions that the work described in the Water Quality Certification Request and supplemental documents complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and applicable state laws. This certification is subject to the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order).

Please ensure that anyone doing work under this WQC Order has read, is familiar with, and is able to follow all of the provisions within the attached WQC Order.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Austin Schmalz at (425) 301-6989. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

Joe Burcar, Section Manager

Northwest Region Office

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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# In The Matter of Granting a Water Quality Certification with Conditions to City of Kent pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

City of Kent

Attn: Melissa Dahl 400 West Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032

WQC Order No.	22945
Corps Reference No.	NWS-2023-0351
Site Location	Mill Creek Little Property Floodplain Reconnection, located within Mill Creek and Wetlands, Kent, King County, Washington.

City of Kent submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the Mill Creek Little Property Floodplain Reconnection project, King County, Washington. The following required processing dates are listed below:

- On December 4, 2023 the City of Kent submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On January 5, 2024, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) considered the Request valid on this date.
- On January 9, 2024, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent a permit notification to Ecology that indicated that they are processing the project under Nationwide Permit (NWP) Program.
- On February 22, 2024 Ecology issued a public notice for the project.
- Ecology's "Reasonable Period of Time" for this project has been established as September 30, 2024.

The project proposes to remeander a segment of Mill Creek onto an adjacent City-owned property known as the "Little Property." The existing segment of Mill Creek is a straightened 1,241-linear foot channel adjacent to Woodford Avenue N. The channel would be relocated onto the Little Property and would be 15-ft. wide (bank-to-bank) x 1,500 linear feet long. The existing channel would be filled and planted to create wetland. Large woody debris and woody bank structures would be installed throughout the new 1,500 ft. channel. Two shallow swales within wetlands on the property would be created to connect to the new channel. A pilesupported boardwalk and bridge would be constructed

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on the north side of the property to facilitate existing pedestrian access to Kent Memorial Park on the west side of Woodford Avenue N.

The project site is located within a reach of the lower Mill Creek Basin between East James Street and the north end of the city-owned undeveloped parcel # 1822059023; project site is known as "Little Property," Mill Creek and wetlands, King County, Washington, Section 18, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 - Duwamish-Green.

#### **Authorities**

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. §1341, 40 CFR Part 121, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, and Chapter 173-201A, Ecology has reviewed this WQC request pursuant to the following:

- 1. Conformance with applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under 33 U.S.C. §§1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317.
- Conformance with the state water quality standards contained in Chapter 173-201A WAC and authorized by 33 U.S.C. §1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other applicable state laws; and
- 3. Conformance with the provision of using all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.
- 4. Conformance with Washington's prohibition on discharges that cause or tend to cause pollution of waters of the state of Washington. RCW 90.48.080.
- 5. The Project Proponent of the project authorized is responsible for obtaining all other permits, licenses, and certifications that may be required by federal, state, local or tribal authorities.

With this Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order), Ecology is granting with conditions City of Kent's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Mill Creek Little Property Floodplain Reconnection project, Mill Creek and wetlands located in King County. Ecology has determined that the proposed discharges will comply with all applicable state water quality and other appropriate requirements of State law, provided the project is conducted in accordance with the WQC request that Ecology received on January 5, 2024 and the supporting documents referenced in Table 1 below, and the conditions of this WQC Order.

**Table 1** Supporting Documents

Date Received	Document Type	Title and Date	Author
1/5/2024	Construction Drawings	Pedestrian Bridge Plan 11/16/2023	GeoEngineers

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1/5/2024	Construction Drawings	Lumen Duct Bank Relocation Plan 11/13/2023	Terra Tech
1/5/2024	Floodplain Reconnection Plan	Mill Creek Floodplain Reconnection at the Little Property 4/16/23	City of Kent
1/5/2024	Stream Bypass Plan	Little Property Floodplain Reconnection Typical Stream Bypass Plan 1/4/2024	City of Kent
1/5/2024	Construction Drawings	Mill Creek Reestablishment Reach 1b 11/14/2023	City of Kent
1/5/2024	Wetland Delineation	Updated Waters of the United States, Including Wetlands Delineation for the Little Property 8/13/2022	7K Environmental, LLC
1/5/2024	Wetland Delineation	Wetland and Ordinary High Water Mark Delineation Report 8/14/2020	Shannon & Wilson
1/5/2024	Wetland Avoidance and Minimization Checklist	Wetland Avoidance and Minimization Checklists	City of Kent
1/5/2024	Water Quality Monitoring Plan or Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan	In-Water Work Water Quality Monitoring & Protection Plan for Individual 401 12/27/2023	Evan Swanson (City of Kent)
1/8/2024	Joint Aquatic Resources Permit	JARPA 4/21/2023	Melissa Dahl (City of Kent)

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	Application(JARPA) Form		
1/8/2024	Drawings	Mill Creek Reestablishment 4/19/2023	City of Kent
1/8/2024	Biological Assessment	Biological Assessment February 2021	ICF International, Inc.
6/28/2024	Sample Location Plan	Sample Location Map 4/14/2023	City of Kent
8/16/2024	State Environmental Policy Act	Determination of Nonsignificance 8/16/2024	City of Kent

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize City of Kent to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC) or other appropriate requirements of State law. Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves the City of Kent from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

# **Water Quality Certification Conditions**

The following conditions will be incorporated into the Corps permit and strictly adhered to by the City of Kent. Specific condition justifications and citations are provided below.

#### A. General Conditions

- 1. In this WQC Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean the City of Kent and its agents, assignees, and contractors.
  - Justification Ecology needs to identify that conditions of this WQC Order apply to anyone conducting work on behalf of the Project Proponent to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
  - Citation 40 CFR 121.1(j), Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

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2. All submittals required by this WQC Order shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Manager, via e-mail to <a href="mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov">fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</a> and cc to <a href="mailto:Austin.Schmalz@ecy.wa.gov">Austin.Schmalz@ecy.wa.gov</a>. The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order No. 22945 and include the Project Proponent's name, Corps permit number, project name, project contact, and the contact phone number.

- Justification Ecology needs to identify where information and submittals are to be submitted to be in compliance with the requirements of this WQC Order.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. Work authorized by this WQC Order is limited to the work described in the WQC request package received by Ecology on January 5, 2024 and the supporting documentation identified in Table 1.
  - Justification Ecology has the authority to prevent and control pollution of state waters. By
    authorizing a discharge into a water of the state, through a WQC, Ecology is certifying the
    project as proposed will not negatively impact water quality. Therefore, it is imperative the
    project is conducted as it was presented during the review process. Any deviations from
    information within the WQC Request package and this WQC Order must be disclosed prior
    to the initiation of the planned work, and may require a new WQC request.
  - Citation 40 CFR 121.5, 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall keep copies of this WQC Order on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.
  - Justification All parties (including on-site contractors) must be aware of and comply with the WQC Order for the protection of water quality.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 5. The Project Proponent shall provide access to the project site upon request by Ecology personnel for site inspections, monitoring, and/or necessary data collection, to ensure that conditions of this WQC Order are being met.
  - Justification Ecology must be able to investigate and inspect construction sites and facilities for compliance with all state rules and laws.

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> Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.090, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

- 6. The Project Proponent shall ensure that all project engineers, contractors, and other workers at the project site with authority to direct work have read and understand relevant conditions of this WQC Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this WQC Order. The Project Proponent shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) before construction begins.
  - Justification Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, on behalf of the Project Proponent, are aware of and understand the required conditions of this WQC Order to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 7. This WQC Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this WQC Order.
  - Justification Ecology has the authority to prevent and control pollution of state waters, and to protect designated uses. By authorizing a discharge into a water of the state, through a water quality certification, Ecology is certifying the project as proposed will not negatively impact state water quality and will comply with the state's water quality requirements. Therefore, it is imperative the project is conducted as it was presented during the review process, and as conditioned herein.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i), WAC 173-201A-310, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 8. Failure of any person or entity to comply with the WQC Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the state's water quality standards and the conditions of this WQC Order.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential
    discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial
    uses. Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality.
    Civil penalties and other enforcement actions are the primary means of securing
    compliance with water quality requirements.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.037, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.140, RCW 90.48.142, RCW 90.48.144, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 9. The Project Proponent shall provide Ecology documentation for review before undertaking any major changes to the proposed project that could significantly and adversely affect water quality, other than those project changes required by this WQC Order.
  - Justification Ecology has independent authority to enforce our 401 certification conditions issued through this WQC Order pursuant to RCW 90.48, and has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. In order to ensure the project will comply with water quality standards in the event of any major changes, Ecology must be able to review the scope of work involved in the construction and operation of the project, otherwise all work must stop and a new 401 certification pre-filing meeting, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.
  - Citation 40 CFR 121.1(k) and (n), 40 CFR 121.3, 40 CFR 121.5, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW, and Chapter 173-201 WAC.
- 10. The Project Proponent shall send (per A.2.) a copy of the final Federal permit via e-mail to <a href="mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov">fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</a> and cc to Federal Permit Manager prior to the starting of any work authorized by this WQC Order.
  - Justification This condition is needed to ensure that the federal permit has been issued and all the conditions of the WQC Order have been included into the federal permit.
  - Citation 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, and Chapter 90.48 RCW.
- 11. To transfer this WQC Order to a new owner or operator the Project Proponent shall:
  - a. Complete a Request for Transfer of Order with a specific transfer date of the WQC Order's obligations, coverage, and liability and submit it to Ecology per condition A.2. Link to form: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070695.html;
  - b. Provide a copy of this WQC Order to the new owner or operator; and
  - c. The transfer is not considered valid until the Project Proponent receives written notification from Ecology that the transfer has been approved.
    - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state
      water quality. Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project,
      including any new owners or operators, are aware of and understand the required
      conditions of this WQC Order to ensure compliance with the water quality standards
      and other applicable state laws.

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> Citation – 40 CFR 121.5, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

#### **B.** Notification Requirements

- 1. The following notifications shall be made via phone or e-mail (e-mail is preferred) to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager via e-mail to <a href="federal-new-mailto-fed-notification@ecy.wa.gov">federal Permit Manager via e-mail to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</a> and cc to <a href="federal-new-mailto-fed-notification@ecy.wa.gov">federal-new-mailto-fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</a> Notifications shall be identified with WQC Order No. 22945, Corps Reference No. NWS-2023-0351, and include the Project Proponent name, project name, project location, project contact and the phone number.
  - a. Immediately following a violation of state water quality standards or when the project is out of compliance with any conditions of this WQC Order;
  - b. At least ten (10) days prior to all pre-construction meetings;
  - c. At least ten (10) days prior to conducting initial in-water work activities; and
  - d. Within seven (7) days of completion of each in-water work window.
    - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state
      water quality. Ecology must be aware of when a project starts and ends and whether
      there are any issues. This allows Ecology to evaluate compliance with the state water
      quality requirements.
    - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. In addition to the phone or e-mail notification required under B.1.a. above, the Project Proponent shall submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days that describes the nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
  - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. This condition is intended to assure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. If the project construction is not completed within 13 months of issuance of this WQC Order, the Project Proponent shall submit per Condition A.2 a written construction status report and submit status reports every 12 months until construction and restoration are completed.

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> Justification - Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology must be aware of when a project starts and ends and whether there are any issues. This allows Ecology to evaluate compliance with the state water quality requirements.

 Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

#### C. Timing

- 1. This WQC Order is effective upon issuance of the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide permit for this project and will remain valid until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2030.
  - Justification Certifications are required for any license or permit that authorizes an activity
    that may result in a discharge or fill material into waters. This WQC Order is not valid until
    the Federal agency issues a permit. Additionally, Ecology needs to be able to specify how
    long the WQC Order will be in effect.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. The following in-water work windows apply to the project:
  - a. All activities within the wetted perimeter of Mill Creek may be conducted between June 16<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of any year.
    - Justification This condition is reaffirming the project will take place during a time period that will not harm fish or other aquatic species.
    - Citation Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.
- 3. Any project change that requires a new or revised Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from the Department of Fish and Wildlife should be sent to Ecology for review before the change is implemented.
  - Justification This condition is reaffirming the project will take place during a time period that will not harm fish or other aquatic species.
  - Citation Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.

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#### D. Water Quality Monitoring and Criteria

- 1. This WQC Order does not authorize the Project Proponent to exceed applicable water quality standards beyond the limits established in Chapter 173-201A WAC, except as authorized by this WQC Order.
  - Justification This condition ensures compliance with water quality standards to protect surface waters of the state. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. For in-water activities within fresh waters (including wetlands) turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU over background when the background is 50 NTU or less; or a 10 percent increase in turbidity when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTU.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. This WQC Order does not authorize the Project Proponent to exceed applicable turbidity standards beyond the limits established in Chapter 173-201A WAC as set forth below, unless otherwise authorized in this WQC Order:
  - a. Temporary area of mixing for turbidity established within the state water quality standards for fresh waters (WAC 173-201A-200) is as follows:
    - 01. For waters up to 10 cfs flow at the time of construction, the point of compliance shall be one hundred feet downstream from the activity causing the turbidity exceedance.
    - 02. For waters above 10 cfs up to 100 cfs flow at the time of construction, the point of compliance shall be two hundred feet downstream of the activity causing the turbidity exceedance.
    - 03. For waters above 100 cfs flow at the time of construction, the point of compliance shall be three hundred feet downstream of the activity causing the turbidity exceedance.

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- 04. For projects working within or along lakes, ponds, wetlands, or other non-flowing waters, the point of compliance shall be at a radius of one hundred fifty feet from the activity causing the turbidity exceedance.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A
     WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall conduct water quality monitoring as described in the approved In-Water Work Water Quality Monitoring & Protection Plan for Individual 401, identified in Table 1 (hereafter referred to as the WQMP).
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation RCW 90.48, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, 173-201A-300-330 and WAC 173-225-010.
- 5. If water quality exceedances for turbidity are observed outside the point of compliance, work shall cease immediately and the Project Proponent or the contractor shall assess the cause of the water quality problem and take immediate action to stop, contain, and correct the problem and prevent further water quality turbidity exceedances.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 6. Visible turbidity anywhere beyond the temporary area of mixing (point of compliance) from the activity, shall be considered an exceedance of the standard.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

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- 7. Monitoring results shall be submitted monthly to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager, per condition A.2.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 8. Ecology may ask or could use its discretionary authority to require the Project Proponent to provide mitigation and/or additional monitoring if the monitoring results indicate that the water quality standards have not been met.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and ensure that aquatic life and beneficial uses are protected.
  - Citation RCW 90.48, RCW 90.48.010, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120,
     Chapter 173-201A WAC, 173-201A-300-330 WAC, and Chapter 173-204 WAC.

#### E. Construction

#### **General Conditions**

- 1. All work in and near waters of the state shall be conducted to minimize turbidity, erosion, and other water quality impacts. Construction stormwater, sediment, and erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) suitable to prevent exceedances of state water quality standards shall be in place before starting maintenance and shall be maintained throughout the duration of the activity.
  - Justification Disturbed areas without appropriate BMPs and construction methods can
    discharge excess sediment to waters of the state and degrade water quality. Ecology must
    protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can
    affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 2. All clearing limits, stockpiles, staging areas, and trees to be preserved shall clearly be marked prior to commencing construction activities and maintained until all work is completed for each project.

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> Justification -Ensures that the project proponent preserves sensitive areas from discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. No stockpiling or staging of materials shall occur at or below the OHWM of any waterbody.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall obtain and comply with the conditions of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NPDES) issued for this project.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 5. Within the project limits<sup>1</sup> all environmentally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, wetlands, wetland buffers, shoreline riparian buffers and mitigation areas shall be fenced with high visibility construction fencing (HVF), prior to commencing construction activities. Construction activities include equipment staging, materials storage, and work vehicle parking. Note: This condition does not apply to activities such as pre-construction surveying and installing HVF and construction zone signage.
  - a. If the project will be constructed in stages<sup>2</sup> a detailed description and drawings of the stages shall be sent to Ecology for review at least 20 days prior to placing HVF.
  - b. Condition 5.a. shall apply to each stage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Project limits include mitigation sites, staging areas, borrow sources, and other sites developed or used to support project construction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A stage is part of a project that has been separated into at least two distinct areas to be built during separate timeframes.

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c. All field staff shall be trained to recognize HVF, understand its purpose and properly install it in the appropriate locations.

- d. HVF shall be maintained until all work is completed for each project or each stage of a staged project.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 6. No petroleum products, fresh concrete, lime or concrete, chemicals, or other toxic or deleterious materials shall be allowed to enter waters of the state.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 7. All construction debris, excess sediment, and other solid waste material shall be properly managed and disposed of in an upland disposal site approved by the appropriate regulatory authority.
  - Justification Ecology must be assured that the Project Proponent is managing and disposing of material to protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 8. All equipment being used below the ordinary high water mark shall utilize biodegradable hydraulic fluid.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 9. Applicant shall ensure that fill (soil, gravel, or other material) placed for the proposed project does not contain toxic materials in toxic amounts.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 10. Work within waters of the state shall be conducted in the dry or during periods of low flow to the extent practicable.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 11. Temporary cofferdams, bladder dams, super sack dams, floating turbidity curtains, and bypasses used to divert water around the work area shall be in place prior to initiation of work below the OHWM. These shall be properly deployed and maintained in order to minimize turbidity and re-suspension of sediment.
  - Justification This condition ensures containment and limits movement of sediment that could cause water quality exceedances. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 12. To minimize sediment releases, re-introduction of water into the isolated work area shall be done gradually, and at a rate not higher than the normal flow.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

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> Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

- 13. The Applicant shall implement the *Soil and Groundwater Management Plan,* identified in table 1, to address handling of any soils containing contaminants above Model Toxics Control Act cleanup levels.
  - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 14. The Project Proponent shall not use polyacrylamide at the project site.
  - Justification Polyacrylamide breaks down in soils and in the environment to acrylamide, which is a compound of concern and pollutant that would adversely affect water quality. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation 40 CFR 131.12, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 15. Aquatic herbicides can be used or applied only by certified applicators or persons under the direct supervision of a certified applicator, and only for those uses covered by the certified applicator's license category.
  - a. Applicators are required to be permitted under Ecology's Noxious Weed Control Permit.
  - b. Applicators shall comply with all conditions of the Noxious Weed Control Permit.
    - Justification Noxious weeds are a subset of invasive species that have been classified
      according to the seriousness of the threat they pose. Governments and landowners are
      required to control them. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges
      and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life
      and beneficial uses.
    - Citation WAC 16-228-1400, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-226-110.

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16. If weed-barrier fabric is used on the site, the Project Proponent shall use only water-permeable, fully biodegradable, non-toxic weed-barrier fabric for the entire-site and/or individual plant weed control. If use of non-biodegradable plastic weed-barrier fabric is proposed in the plans/drawings approved by Ecology, it shall be used only at the base of individual plants and shall be removed before it starts to break down, before it interferes with plant growth, or before the end of the monitoring period, whichever comes first.

- Justification The establishment of vegetation is a necessary element of the project plan
  and is promoted by weed suppression. Suppression of weeds is necessary until vegetation is
  established, after which time the presence of the fabric will hinder vegetation
  establishment and may affect project success.
- Citation 40 CFR 131.12, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC,WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 17. If seeding is used for temporary erosion control, it must be a seed mix consisting of native, annual, non-invasive plant species.
  - Justification Establishment of native species is a necessary element of the project. Planting
    mixes must not contain non-native, invasive species, including noxious weeds since they will
    inhibit the success of the project. Noxious weeds are a subset of invasive species that have
    been classified according to the seriousness of the threat they pose. Governments and
    landowners are required to control them.
  - Citation 40 CFR 131.12, Chapter 16-228-1400 WAC, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-226-110.
- 18. The Project Proponent shall not use solid or mesh plant protector tubes at the project site.
  - Justification In areas subject to flooding, plant protector tubes may end up downstream. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation 40 CFR 131.12, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), and WAC 173-201A-300.

### **Equipment and Maintenance**

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19. Staging areas will be located a minimum of 50 feet and, where practical, 200 feet, from waters of the state, including wetlands, unless otherwise requested by the project proponent and authorized by Ecology.

- Justification Requiring a minimum setback ensures that material will not end up in waters
  of the state. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential
  discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial
  uses.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 20. Equipment used for this project shall be free of external petroleum-based products while used around the waters of the state, including wetlands. Accumulation of soils or debris shall be removed from the drive mechanisms (wheels, tires, tracks, etc.) and the undercarriage of equipment prior to its use around waters of the state, including wetlands.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 21. No equipment shall enter, operate, be stored or parked within any sensitive area except as specifically provided for in this WQC Order.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 22. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

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Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-200, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

23. Wash water containing oils, grease, or other hazardous materials resulting from washing of equipment or working areas shall not be discharged into state waters. The Project Proponent shall set up a designated area for washing down equipment.

- Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 24. Turbidity curtains shall be properly deployed and maintained in order to minimize turbidity and re-suspension of sediment.
  - Justification This condition ensures containment and limits movement of sediment that could cause water quality exceedances. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 25. A separate area shall be set aside, which does not have any possibility of draining to surface waters, for the wash-out of concrete delivery trucks, pumping equipment, and tools.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

#### **Dewatering**

26. Turbid dewatering water associated with in-water work shall not be discharged directly to waters of the state, including wetlands. Turbid dewatering water shall be routed to an upland area for on-site or off-site settling.

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• Justification - Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 27. Clean dewatering water associated with in-water work that has been tested and confirmed to meet water quality standards may be discharged directly to waters of the state including wetlands. The discharge outfall method shall be designed and operated so as not to cause erosion or scour in the stream channel, banks, or vegetation.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 28. Dewatering water may not be discharged to Mill Creek or wetlands, or conveyed to surface waters, unless it meets Surface Water Quality Standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC) at the point of discharge, unless otherwise authorized by this WQC Order.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 29. The dewatering outfall or method of discharge shall be designed and operated so as not to cause erosion or scour in state waters, banks, or vegetation.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 30. All equipment associated with dewatering activities shall be properly operated and maintained.

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• Justification - Maintained equipment is less likely to fail or leak pollutants. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

## **Stream Bypass**

- 31. Stream flow isolation work shall not scour the stream channel or banks of the water body in which the work is being done.
  - Justification Scour and erosion could cause long term instability of the project and contribute to water quality impacts. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 32. To minimize sediment releases into downstream water, water reintroduced to the channel shall be done gradually and at a rate not exceeding the normal stream flow.
  - Justification Maintaining natural stream flow rate is important for maintaining beneficial uses and preventing water quality impacts. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 33. Fill associated with culvert installation shall be protected from erosion to the 100-year peak flow.
  - Justification Erosion could cause long term instability of the project and contribute to
    water quality impacts. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and
    potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and
    beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

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#### F. Emergency/Contingency Measures

- 1. The Project Proponent shall develop and implement a spill prevention and containment plan for all aspects of this project.
  - Justification Ecology must ensure that the Project Proponent has a plan to prevent
    pollution from entering waterways. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all
    discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect
    aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 2. The Project Proponent shall have adequate and appropriate spill response and cleanup materials available on site to respond to any release of petroleum products or any other material into waters of the state.
  - Justification Ecology must have assurance that the Project Proponent has the material readily available in WQC Order to address any spills that might occur to protect waters of the state. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 3. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.

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4. Work causing distressed or dying fish and discharges of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters <u>is prohibited</u>. If such work, conditions, or discharges occur, the Project Proponent shall notify Ecology's Federal Permit Manager, per

a. Cease operations at the location of the non-compliance.

condition A2, and immediately take the following actions:

- b. Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and prevent further environmental damage.
- c. In the event of a discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, containment and cleanup efforts shall begin immediately and be completed as soon as possible, taking precedence over normal work. Cleanup shall include proper disposal of any spilled material and used cleanup materials.
- d. Immediately notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife with the nature and details of the problem, any actions taken to correct the problem, and any proposed changes in operation to prevent further problems.
- e. Immediately notify the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802, for actual spills to water only.
  - Justification This condition is necessary to prevent oil and hazardous materials spills
    from causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality
    requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in
    less harm. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential
    discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial
    uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW,
     RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120,
     WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 5. Notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office immediately if chemical containers (e.g. drums) are discovered on-site or any conditions present indicating disposal or burial of chemicals on-site that may impact surface water or ground water.

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• Justification - Oil and hazardous materials spills cause environmental damage. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.

# Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this WQC Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. 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 WQC Order:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this WQC Order with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this WQC Order on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

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

## Filing an appeal

## Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: https://eluho.wa.gov/ or call: 360-664-9160.

# **Service on Ecology**

#### **Street Addresses:**

Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 WQC Order No. 22945, Corps No. NWS- 2023-0351 Aquatics ID No. 143283 August 26, 2024

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#### **Mailing Addresses:**

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#### **Americans with Disabilities Act Information**

# **Accommodation Requests**

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-6831 or visit https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

#### **Contact Information**

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

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#### **More Information**

Pollution Control Hearings Board Website

https://eluho.wa.gov

• <u>Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office - Pollution Control</u> Hearings Board

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B

- <u>Chapter 371-08 WAC Practice and Procedure</u>
  - 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

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## • 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 26 day of August, 2024 at the Department of Ecology, Shoreline, Washington.

Joe Burcar, Section Manager

Northwest Region Office

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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#### Attachment A

# Statement of Understanding Water Quality Certification Conditions

Mill Creek Re-establishment (Little Property Reach)

Water Quality Certification WQC Order No. 22945

As the Project Proponent for the Mill Creek Re-establishment (Little Property Reach) project, I have read and understand the conditions of Washington State Department of Ecology WQC Order No. 22945, and any permits, plans, documents, and approvals referenced in the WQC Order. I have and will continue to ensure that all project engineers, contractors, and other workers at the project site with authority to direct work have read and understand the conditions of this WQC Order and any permits, plans, documents, and approvals referenced in the WQC Order.

Signature	Date	
Title	Phone	
Company		