

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 30, 2025

City of Brier Attn: Dale Kaemingk 2901 228th Street SW Brier, WA 98036

Re: Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. **21056** (Corps Reference No. **NWS-2019-963**)

Dear Dale Kaemingk:

For the reasons stated below, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) hereby terminates Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 21056, pursuant to RCW 90.48.120.

Project Background

On March 29, 2022, Ecology issued Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order No. 21056 to the City of Brierwood to permanently impact Category I wetlands to retrofit an existing stormwater retention pond.

Ecology's WQC is not effective until the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) Seattle District issues a Department of the Army (DA) permit for the project. As of the date of this letter, the Corps has not issued a permit for the project.

In addition, in an email dated April 1, 2025, Eileen Davis at PACE Engineers Inc. (agent for the project), confirmed that the City of Brier has no plans to move forward with this project. Ecology is, therefore, terminating Order No. 21056.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this Termination letter 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 Termination letter:

• File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Termination letter 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.

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• Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this Termination letter on the Department of Ecology by 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.

Address and Location Information

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

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If you have questions, please contact Dana Mock at 360-742-2826 or <u>Dana.Mock@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Loree' Randall, Section Manager Aquatic Permitting and Protection Section Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Enclosures: (1) Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 21056

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E-cc: Eileen Davis, PACE Engineers Inc. Jennifer Flatham, City of Brier Todd Gray, Tulalip Tribe Kelsey Payne, Snoqualmie Tribe Ryan Cochoit, Corps of Engineers Dana Mock, Ecology Doug Gresham, Ecology Joe Burcar, Ecology Erin Hanlon Brown, Ecology Amy Waterman, Ecology Stephanie Barney, Ecology Rebekah Padgett, Ecology Amy Jankowiak, Ecology