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Nancy Ahern, Director
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RE: Warning Letter – Noncompliance with Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit
(WAR04-4503)
Seattle City Light South Service Center, Compliance Inspection December 11, 2014

Dear Ms. Ahern:

On December 11, 2014, Department of Ecology representatives conducted a compliance inspection at Seattle City Light's South Service Center located at 400 South Spokane Street in Seattle. The purposes of the inspection were to document on-site conditions and activities and evaluate compliance with the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit) issued to the City of Seattle, as applicable to the Seattle City Light (SCL) South Service Center. This Permit authorizes the discharge of municipal stormwater to waters of the state contingent upon compliance with the Permit's terms and conditions.

To come into compliance with the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit #WAR04-4503, the facility must comply with the following correctives actions:

- **Implement best management practices (BMPs) in accordance with a complete and accurate site-specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP; S5.C.9.g) to address multiple deficiencies documented in the attached inspection report.**
Deficiencies include but are not limited to:
 - **Implement BMPs to prevent or reduce stormwater impacts from leaks and spills.**
 - **Implement BMPs to prevent or reduce stormwater impacts from materials and solid wastes stored on-site.**
 - **The existing generic SWPPP is not appropriate for activities on this site.**
 - **The SWPPP must address all areas associated with this facility which discharge or have the potential to discharge to the municipal separate stormwater system.**
 - **The existing SWPPP is incomplete and/or inaccurate.**

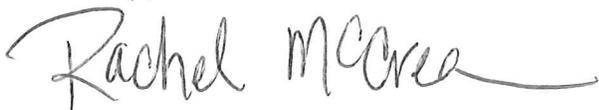


- **Conduct and document periodic visual observation of discharges from the facility to evaluate the effectiveness of BMPs in accordance with Special Condition S5.C.9.g.**

The enclosed inspection report provides additional information. Violations of the Permit are subject to formal enforcement actions and may result in the issuance of formal enforcement actions, including civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

For questions related to this warning letter and associated inspection report, please contact me at (425) 649-7223 or by email at rmcc461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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