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March 4, 2015

Pat McCarthy
Executive
930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 737
Tacoma, WA 98402-2100

Re: Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (WAR04-4002); Ecology Comments on Pierce County Draft (6/30/14) Ordinance and Technical Standards for Runoff Controls for New and Redevelopment

Dear Executive McCarthy:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed its review of Pierce County's draft Ordinance and Technical Standards, dated June 30, 2014, under the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit). Detailed comments are enclosed with this letter and constitute Ecology's "written response" per the Permit's Special Condition S5.C.5.a.iii, paragraph 3.

Also in accordance with Special Condition S5.C.5.a.iii, Ecology has calculated Pierce County's deadline for adoption of the programs required under S5.C.5.a and S5.C.5.b to be December 5, 2015. This date adds 158 calendar days to the permit-specified deadline for adoption to accommodate the fact that Ecology's written response was provided 248 calendar days following June 30, 2014 (the date Ecology received your submittal).

We look forward to discussing the comments and questions regarding your submittal in order to resolve issues and arrive at an approvable code and stormwater manual package. Please contact me at (360) 407-6364 or by email chris.montague-breakwell@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Montague-Breakwell
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Water Quality Program

Enclosure

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