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March 14, 2016

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RE: Preliminary Approval of Clark County Stormwater Management Manual and Ordinances;
Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (WAR04-4001)

Dear Mr. Benton:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the draft proposed Clark County stormwater management manual and ordinances pursuant to the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit). The Clark County stormwater management manual and ordinances consist of:

- Clark County Municipal Code Chapter 13.26A, as effective on January 7, 2016.
- Clark County Municipal Code Chapter 40.386 as effective on January 7, 2016.
- Clark County Stormwater Manual, Books 1 through 4 as amended pursuant to Ecology's October 15, 2015 letter titled "Clark County Stormwater Management Manual and Ordinances Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (WAR04-4001)" and posted on Clark County's website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/management/code.html> on December 17, 2015.
 - This manual references a Clark County-specific calibration of an HSPF-based continuous runoff model. That calibration was verbally approved by Ecology on November 2, 2015 and accepted by Clark County in a December 29, 2015 letter. The approved calibration was incorporated as part of WWHM2012 version 4.2.12, released February 25, 2016.

Ecology performed this review for the purpose of determining compliance with Special Condition S5.C.5.a.i-iii of the Permit. At this time, we are making a preliminary determination that the Clark County stormwater management manual and ordinances are approvable under the Permit and functionally equivalent to Ecology's 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington as amended in 2014. This determination will not become final until after Ecology modifies the Permit to include the County's manual and ordinances pursuant to a



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Pollution Control Hearings Board decision (*Summary Judgment and Order on Dispositive Rulings for Phase I appeals*, April 8, 2008).

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of your team to develop stormwater management manuals and ordinances that comply with the Permit's environmental protection requirements.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 407-6364 or chris.montague-breakwell@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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