

Water and Land Resources Division

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Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit Manager Washington State Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office 3190 – 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Dear Permit Manager:

In accordance with General Condition G20 of the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, this letter notifies the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) that King County has become aware that it was out of compliance with public involvement and participation required under S5.C.4.b.

Section S5.C.4.b of the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, states: "Each Permittee shall post on their website their SWMP Plan, and the annual report required under S9.A. no later than May 31 each year. All other submittals shall be available to the public upon request." In August of 2018, NPDES permit management became aware that King County had not posted a copy of the 2017 annual report on the King County website. However, within one business day the 2017 annual report was posted on King County's public website (https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/water-and-land/stormwater/pollution-discharge-permit/annual-reports.aspx).

The process issues which resulted in the missed deadline have been examined by program management staff. The failure to post the 2017 annual report on the King County website by May 31, 2018 was a result of miscommunication between staff and insufficient process documentation and all the necessary steps, roles and responsibilities were not clearly documented and assigned, and this has been corrected. As a result, the process documentation for collecting information from King County agencies for annual report question, submittal to the WQWebPortal, and posting documents to the King County website will be clarified and reinforced with a checklist.

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Please contact Douglas Navetski, Environmental Programs Managing Supervisor in the Water and Land Resources Division, at 206-296-8311 or by email at Doug.Navetski@kingcounty.gov for questions concerning King County's efforts to comply with the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit.

Sincerely,

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Division Director

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