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**RE: Coverage under the Phase I Municipal Stormwater General Permit**

Dear Elizabeth Pauli:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) reissued the Phase I Municipal Stormwater General Permit (Permit) on July 1, 2019. You will be covered under the final Permit when it becomes effective **August 1, 2019**.

**Purpose of the Municipal Stormwater General Permits**

Federal and state water quality laws require a permit for the discharge of stormwater (see Federal Water Pollution Control Act Title 22 United States Code, Section 1251 et seq., state Water Pollution Control Act RCW 90.48 and Washington Waste Discharge General Permit regulation WAC 173-226-130). The permits address these legal requirements and control the discharge of pollutants to protect surface water and ground water quality in Washington State. The Permit requires municipalities and secondary permittees to develop and implement a stormwater management program to control stormwater runoff into and from their municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).

**Your Right to Appeal the Permit or Your Coverage under the Permit**

You have a right to appeal the final general permit and the general permit coverage for a specific facility to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

- Appeals of the general permit issuance must be filed **within 30 days of issuance** of the general permit. See the Appeal of the General Permit Focus Sheet for more information, at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710009.pdf>.

- Appeals of the general permit coverage for a specific facility must be filed **within 30 days of the effective date of coverage**. See the Appeal of a General Permit Coverage Focus Sheet for more information, at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710007.pdf>.

## Questions

If you have questions, please contact Abbey Stockwell, at [abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov), or (360) 407-7221. You may request hard copies of the Permit, and other permit-related documents from Dena Jaskar at [dena.jaskar@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:dena.jaskar@ecy.wa.gov), or (360) 407-6401.

Sincerely,



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