



Snohomish County

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April 17, 2019

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913 Squalicum Way, Suite 101
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Subject: Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit, WAR04-4502
S4.F Notification For Discharge From Snohomish County MS4

Dear Ms. Maginnis:

In accordance with Special Condition S4.F of Snohomish County's Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit, #WAR04-4502, this letter notifies Ecology that Snohomish County has become aware, based on credible site-specific information, that a discharge from Snohomish County's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) caused or contributed to a known or likely violation of water quality standards in a receiving water.

On April 11, 2019, Snohomish County was notified of a potential spill of paint into Lake Stevens. A Surface Water Management (SWM) water quality investigator visited the site on April 11, 2019. The investigator tracked the paint to a home that was being restored after a house fire. The restoration company confirmed that an employee had cleaned brushes and other equipment and then dumped the wastewater into the County drainage ditch. The wastewater flowed from the County ditch, into the City of Lake Stevens jurisdiction and discharged to a wetland and finally into Lake Stevens. In addition to SWM, City of Lake Stevens and Department of Ecology personnel responded to the incident. The Department of Ecology personnel discussed best management practices with the restoration company. For more information, see Attachment 1, the ERTS report for this incident. No further follow-up actions are required.

A S4.F notification is required in this case because the wastewater entered the County's MS4 and eventually discharged to Lake Stevens, potentially violating the natural conditions narrative water quality standard (WAC 173-201A-260).

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based upon my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for willful violations.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Janell Majewski, Surface Water Management Division, at 425-388-6641 or Janell.Majewski@snoco.org.

Sincerely,

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Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit, #WAR04-4502
S4.F Notification for Discharge from Snohomish County MS4 --Diesel
Fecal Coliform in Discharge From Snohomish County MS4
February 25, 2019

cc: Steven E. Thomsen, P.E, Director
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Karen Kerwin, P.E.
Janell Majewski
Bill Leif, P.E.

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