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Josh Baldi, Division Director
King County, Water & Land Resources Division
201 Jackson Street, Suite 600
Seattle, WA 98104-3855

RE: S4.F Notification, Failing Large Onsite Septic System at Briarwood Shopping Center

Dear Mr. Baldi:

I am responding to the S4.F notification dated September 03, 2019 submitted by King County (County) to Ecology under the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit). Ecology received the S4.F.1 notification on September 05, 2019, and following Memorandum update on October 31, 2019 via email.

The notification identified an illicit discharge to surface waters (tributary to May Creek) from the County's MS4 that was discovered on August 06, 2019 during routine drainage facility inspections (ERTs#692213). The source of the discharge was traced to a failing Large on Site Septic System (LOSS) from the Briarwood Shopping Center. The County then attempted to work with the property owners and arranged a one-time disposal of the sewage waste water to the King County South Treatment Plant.

The County reported the property manager decided to take no action to remedy or clean the discharge from their private system. No action was taken by the property owners despite the technical assistance attempts and Corrective Action Letter from the County. The regulatory authority for the LOSS is with the Washington State Department of Health, however the County has moved forward with enforcement and penalty action against the property manager.

Based on the information provided, Ecology acknowledges the County is taking Permit compliant actions to eliminate the threat of sewage waste discharge to the MS4. Ecology has determined that an adaptive management response under condition S4.F.3 is not necessary because the Phase I Permit is designed eliminate connections and illicit discharges into the MS4. This determination does not affect any obligation you may have under other laws.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (425) 649-7036 or by email at ddev461@ecy.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Danielle M. DeVoe
Municipal Stormwater Planner

