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Industrial Stormwater General Permit
Water Quality Program
Washington State Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office

Attn: Kevin Dolan

Dear Kevin, I am writing in response to the Stormwater Compliance Inspection Report for WAR001307 dated 10/2/19.

In response to Condition S3.B.4.b.i.4 regarding maintenance of catch basins, filters and swales I want to let you know that we are conducting the following actions:

North Swale – the North Swale was found to have some erosion of the banks caused by overspray from our neighbor's lawn sprinkler system. We have reached out to the neighbor in the past but this situation has not improved. The soil on the North bank of the swale was treated with a soil sterilant when it was installed 3 years ago so vegetation has not grown. We will investigate the possibility of seeding this area now that the soil should be able to support vegetation. In the mean time, we are monitoring swale function to determine if there is too much additional dirt for it to operate as designed. With the recent rains I have checked the North Swale and attached a picture of it taken 1/29/20 (within 36 hours of our most recent significant rainfall in the early morning of 1/28/20). As seen in the photo, there is no water accumulating and the swale appears to be functioning properly, but we will continue to monitor it.

Filter socks – there are two filter socks, one for each storm drain catch basin. These were examined by our Maintenance Department and found in need of replacement. New filter socks were ordered and are in-house and will be installed once the catch basins are cleaned.

Catch Basins – each of our two catch basins were examined by our Maintenance Department. The level of debris was below the outlet pipe but within the minimum limit for cleaning. We have contacted Clean Harbors to clean these for us. However, they must profile the waste that is to be removed which requires us to pull samples and send them for testing. I have contacted Eurofins Cascade Analytical to

arrange for sampling. They have ordered the necessary kits that we will use to pull the samples but as of the writing of this letter they have not arrived. The lab is following up to get an ETA. Once the kits arrive, we will pull the samples and send back to Eurofins Cascade Analytical. At that point it will take 2 to 3 weeks for the results to be returned. Once we have this information, I will forward it to Clean Harbors so they can do the waste profile and schedule cleaning.

With regards to S3.B.4.ii.2, covering exposed industrial materials, all barrels containing fluids identified in Figure 5 of the report have been moved into the manufacturing facility or properly disposed of.

We are continuing to arrange for a secondary containment area to hold fluids and wastes until such time as they are used or moved off site by our waste hauler. This action is not due to be completed until August 31, 2020 but I wanted to assure you that it is in the works.

As we discussed in our phone conversation 1/29/20, we will be moving forward with the Notice of Termination for our stormwater permit once the catch basins are cleaned and new filter socks installed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need clarification.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Dougherty", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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