

May 15, 2012

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PERMIT NUMBER: WAR000480

RE: Industrial Stormwater General Permit

Dear Industrial Stormwater Permittee:

Your facility has coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Industrial Stormwater General Permit (Permit). The purpose of this letter is to provide a reminder of some important Permit compliance deadlines. Please read the information below regarding Annual Reports and Level 2 and/or 3 Corrective Action requirements for your facility.

Annual Reports

All facilities covered by the Permit must submit an Annual Report to Ecology by May 15, 2012. All facilities, including those that did not exceed the benchmarks or trigger corrective actions, are required to submit an Annual Report. Failure to submit an Annual Report is a Permit violation.

If you have already submitted your Annual Report to Ecology, Thank You. **If you have not yet submitted your Annual Report, please take the time to do so by following the instructions below:**

- Step 1: Visit Ecology's Website and download a copy of Annual Report Form: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html; or, www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ecy070382.html.
- Step 2: Complete the Annual Report form according to the instructions.
- Step 3: Print and sign the form. Ensure that the person signing has signature authority.
- Step 4: Make a copy of your Annual Report and keep it with your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Permit records.
- Step 5: Mail the hard-copy completed (original) Annual Report to Ecology by May 15, 2012:

Washington State Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program – Industrial Stormwater
PO Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

Corrective Actions

The Permit relies on each facility's self-monitoring data to determine if additional stormwater best management practices (BMP) are needed to improve stormwater quality in the future. The purpose of this section is to provide information about the Permit requirements for Level 2 and 3 Corrective Actions, based on the number of times (quarters) a benchmark parameter is exceeded^{***} at a facility during the calendar year:

- Level 2 (additional Structural Source Control BMPs) - required if a benchmark parameter is exceeded 2 times during a calendar year. For example, if your copper levels exceeded the copper benchmark during the first and fourth quarters during 2011, a Level 2 corrective action for copper is required.
- Level 3 (additional Treatment BMPs) - required if a benchmark parameter is exceeded 3 or more times during a calendar year. For example, if your zinc levels exceeded the zinc benchmark during the first, third, and fourth quarters during 2011, a Level 3 corrective action for zinc is required.
- Failure to complete required corrective actions is a Permit violation.

Your Facility's Corrective Action Level(s):

According to Ecology's records, your facility did not exceed the benchmarks or trigger corrective actions.

For information on the specific requirements for Level 2 or 3 corrective actions, please refer to your Permit (Pages 35-36). You can download the Permit and other useful documents from Ecology's website: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html.

If you need assistance, contact Paul Stasch at (360) 407-6273, or email psta461@ecy.wa.gov.

For site-specific questions about stormwater BMPs, corrective actions, or any other aspects of permit compliance, contact your regional Ecology stormwater inspector, Josh Klimek at (360) 407-7451, or email jokl461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Water Quality Program

cc: Stormwater file, HQ

^{***} If a parameter was sampled more than once per quarter, the average of those results is compared to the benchmark to determine if the benchmark was exceeded that quarter.