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Ms. Erin Leonhart  
City of Bothell  
City Public Works Director  
Email only: [Erin.Leonhart@bothellwa.gov](mailto:Erin.Leonhart@bothellwa.gov)

RE: S4.F Notification of a sewage discharge to Sammamish River

Dear Ms. Leonhart:

I am responding to the City of Bothell (City) recent S4.F.1 submission to Ecology under the Phase II Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit. The notification was dated September 13, 2022 and submitted electronically to me via email on September 19, 2022. The hard copy was mailed to our Ecology Northwest Regional Office.

The City notified Ecology per ERTS 717445 on September 6, 2022 that a sewer line break caused by construction work being done by a consultant for the City resulted in 200 gallons of raw sewage discharging into the MS4. City staff arrived to ensure the discharge was stopped, and their best professional judgement indicates that the sewage would have discharged from their outfall to the Sammamish River. There was no recoverable product observed, and the City had the streets and impacted system cleaned out after repairs were made to the pipe.

Ecology has determined that no adaptive management plan will be required per S4.F.3 of the Phase II MS4 Permit. The Permit's Stormwater Management Program requirements under S5.C.5 (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination) is designed to address illicit discharges into the MS4 within the Permit coverage area. This determination does not affect any obligation you may have under other laws.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact me at (425) 429-4571 or by email at [ccro461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ccro461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Griffith".

Colleen Griffith  
Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planner

cc: Janet Geer, Surface Water Supervisor  
Permit File