



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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February 22, 2024

Mr. Andrew B. Nelson  
Kitsap County Public Works Director, Utilities  
Submitted via email

Re: Kitsap County's S4.F Notification (WAR 045546):  
Turbid discharge to Appletree Cove

Dear Mr. Nelson,

Ecology has received Kitsap County's (County) S4.F.1 notification for the notification listed above. This notification was submitted to Ecology through the Water Quality WebPortal to comply with the NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit) on January 26, 2024.

On January 8, 2024, Kitsap County Public Work (KCPW) received a complaint of turbid water flowing from the construction area of Kitsap County's Regional Stormwater Facility, and entering storm drains that flow to marine receiving waters of Appletree Cove. After an inspection it was discovered that heavy rains were churning exposed soil in an area of the construction zone used for vehicle and equipment parking. Turbid water was then discharging into a large stormwater vault at over 1,000 NTU and then leaving the stormwater vault at 106 NTU and entering private storm utilities. Turbid discharge was observed by Port of Kingston staff entering Appletree Cove from an outfall located in close proximity to where turbid water originated and is believed to have caused impacts to state water quality standards. The discharged stopped with rain cessation. Site BMP improvements were completed at the construction site with clean crushed gravel added to areas with exposed soil to stabilize. This incident was reported to Ecology per ERTS 727912 on the day of the incident.

Ecology has determined that an adaptive management response under condition S4.F.3 is not necessary for this notification because the Phase II Permit's Stormwater Management Program requirements are designed to address illicit discharges into the MS4. The relevant requirement is S5.C.5 of the Ph II MS4 Permit. 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) 758-5096 or by email at [ROGC461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ROGC461@ecy.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Chang', is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Roger Chang  
Municipal Stormwater Permit Planner

Cc: Michelle Perdue, Kitsap Co Stormwater Program Manager  
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Aislin Gallagher, Kitsap Co WQ Program Manager  
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