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**RE: Coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit: WAR305536**

Dear Rob Fix:

On December 2, 2024, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) reissued the Industrial Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit (ISGP). The permit becomes effective on January 1, 2025, and expires December 31, 2029. This is your permit coverage letter for Permit Number WAR305536, effective January 1, 2025. Retain this letter with a copy of the permit and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). It is the official record of permit coverage for your site. For easy access from your site, you may keep your records in an accessible electronic format.

**Permit Overview**

The new ISGP has a number of changes. The changes are summarized in the fact sheet and Appendix C Addendum to Fact Sheet. You can find copies of the new Industrial Stormwater General Permit, permit forms, and other information at [ecology.wa.gov/IndustrialStormwaterPermit](https://ecology.wa.gov/IndustrialStormwaterPermit)

**Discharge Monitoring Reports and Site-Specific Monitoring Requirements**

The ISGP requires you to submit quarterly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) electronically using Ecology's secure online system, WQWebDMR. Find step-by-step instructions on how to register for WQWebDMR and the WQWebDMR User Guide at [ecology.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/webdmr.html](https://ecology.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/webdmr.html). If you have questions about using WQWebDMR, contact the Water Quality Information Technology Help Desk at 360-407-7097 or email [WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov).

We are currently updating our [Permit and Reporting Information System \(PARIS\)](#) database with the site-specific monitoring requirements of the new ISGP, based on the renewal application you submitted earlier this year. We will send you an additional site-specific monitoring summary page with more information after we have finished setting up your monitoring requirements and DMRs in the PARIS database. We will send you this monitoring summary page as soon as possible to support your collection of samples and submitting the first DMR of the permit cycle, due on May 15, 2025.

### **Permit Fees**

State law (RCW 90.48.465) requires that all permittees pay an annual permit fee based upon the state fiscal year. The state fiscal year begins each year on July 1 and ends on June 30 the following year. Ecology sends permit fee invoices to all permittees annually. Permittees who have permit coverage on or after July 1 will receive a permit fee invoice for coverage during that state fiscal year. If you would like more information on the permit fee process, visit Ecology's Water Quality Permit Fees webpage ([ecology.wa.gov/WQFees](https://ecology.wa.gov/WQFees)) or email the Fee Unit at [wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov).

### **Your Right to Appeal**

You have a right to appeal the final general permit and general permit coverage for a specific facility to the [Pollution Control Hearings Board](#). Appeals of general permit coverage must be filed within 30 days of the receipt of this coverage letter, where "date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). Any appeal is limited to the general permit's applicability or non-applicability to a specific discharger.

The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. For more information regarding your right to appeal, view Appeal of a General Permit Coverage, [apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1710007.html](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1710007.html).

### **Permit Administration Assistance**

If you have questions regarding your application, updating permit information, finding or completing permit forms, permit transfers or termination, or drafting public notices please contact your permit administrator Melinda Wilson, [MEWI461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:MEWI461@ecy.wa.gov), (360) 870-8290.

### **Ecology Regional Inspector Assistance**

If you have questions regarding stormwater management issues at your facility, please contact your regional inspector Jen Baptist, [jbap461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jbap461@ecy.wa.gov), (564) 565-0327.

**Questions or Additional Information**

Ecology is here to help. Please review our permit webpage at [ecology.wa.gov/IndustrialStormwaterPermit](https://ecology.wa.gov/IndustrialStormwaterPermit). If you have any questions about the interpretation or implementation of the new ISGP, please contact Shannon McClellan, [Shannon.McClellan@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Shannon.McClellan@ecy.wa.gov), 360-280-8370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Killelea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Killelea, Manager  
Permit and Technical Services Section  
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