



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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May 31, 2022

Chad Clay  
General Manager  
Holmes Harbor Sewer District  
P.O. Box 1330  
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Re: *Holmes Harbor Sewer District Water Reclamation Facility (State Reclaimed Water Permit No. ST0007373),  
High Flow Diversion Modification and Protocol Memo*

Dear Chad Clay:

Holmes Harbor Sewer District (District) submitted the High Flow Diversion Modification and Protocol technical memorandum in electronic format to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for review and approval on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This memorandum describes pipe modifications at the Holmes Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant necessary to allow the diversion of high influent flows to the facility's off-spec storage pond during extreme storm events.

In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.46.240 and Chapter 173-219 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Ecology APPROVES the above-referenced document. A copy of the approved memorandum is enclosed for your records. Ecology's review and approval is limited to assuring that the proposed modification complies with the State reclaimed water quality laws and regulations listed above. Nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state or local statutes, ordinances or regulations, nor does this approval authorize other modifications to the District's facilities.

Ecology's approval does not relieve the owners of this facility from any responsibilities or liabilities as a result of noncompliance with the reclaimed water permit during construction or in operation of the approved facilities.

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In accordance with WAC 173-219-240, you must also submit an update to the facility's Operation and Maintenance Manual to include standard operating procedures for this high-flow diversion.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Madison Diaz at [madison.diaz@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:madison.diaz@ecy.wa.gov) or (425) 495-1777.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel McCrea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Rachel McCrea  
Water Quality Section Manager  
Northwest Regional Office

Enclosure

ecc: Chad Clay, General Manager, Holmes Harbor Sewer District  
Madison Diaz, Permit Manager, Department of Ecology  
Mamdouh El-Aarag, Reclaimed Water Engineer, Department of Health  
Department of Ecology, PARIS, Holmes Harbor WRF, ST00007272