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Brian Stacy - Acting Director

March 27, 2025

Angela Vincent
Washington State Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office
PO Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775

Re: **G20 Non-Compliance Notification**

Dear Ms. Vincent,

Pierce County hereby submits this notification of non-compliance in accordance with section G20 of the Pierce County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Permit. The County did not submit the required notification of pollutant inflow and discharge from its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), as stipulated under section S4.F of the permit, within the mandated 30-day timeframe following the Fennel Creek paint spill (ERTS 735768).

Although Pierce County promptly responded to address and remediate the spill, the documentation required by section S4.F was submitted after the deadline. To prevent similar instances of non-compliance in the future, the County has conducted a thorough review and update of its internal processes related to this notification process. These improvements include the elimination of the need for a wet signature from the authorized Secure Access Washington (SAW) signer, a commitment from staff to draft the required S4.F documentation immediately following an event, and a reinforced emphasis on the timely submittal of S4.F reports as a priority.

I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or person who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for willful violations.

Sincerely,

Maureen Meehan
SWM Water Quality Manager

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cc: File