



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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Mr. Josh Baldi  
King County Water and Land Resources Division  
Division Director  
Sent by email only: [Josh.Baldi@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Josh.Baldi@kingcounty.gov)

Re: King County's S4.F Notification (WAR 044501):  
Sewage Discharge into Seasonal Tributary of Lake Washington

Dear Mr. Baldi,

This letter is in response to the notification listed above, submitted by King County (County) under the 2024-2029 Phase I Municipal Stormwater General Permit (Permit). The notification was submitted to Ecology electronically via the Water Quality WebPortal on June 10, 2025.

On May 27, 2025 the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a report from the King County Fire District 20 of an RV leaking blackwater. ERTS 739108 was generated and referred to the County that afternoon. The County's investigation the following morning discovered a small RV encampment on private property in the vicinity of the reported area which was discharging blackwater into a sanitary sewer line owned by the Skyway Water and Sewer District. The line had been clogged with garbage and debris, resulting in an overflow into the County MS4 adjacent to the private property. The MS4 discharges into an unnamed seasonal stream at Skyway Park, then the stream flows to Lake Washington approximately 1.25 miles downstream. It is unknown how long this sewage discharge was occurring, but the County's determination is based on the site specific, credible information that the discharge from the MS4 of contaminated sewage effluent would have caused or contributed to a violation of State Water Quality Standards in the seasonal stream.

The County notified the sewer district who responded and unclogged the sewer line, returning normal function to the sanitary sewer flow and stopping the overflow discharge to the MS4. An ecology block was placed atop the maintenance hole which had been used as the access point for the dumping to prevent future issues. The affected MS4 was cleaned, and signage was posted around the outfall at Skyway Park notifying the public of the discharge.

Ecology has determined that an adaptive management response under condition S4.F.3 is not necessary for this notification because the Phase I Permit's Stormwater Management Program requirements are designed to address illicit discharges into the MS4. The relevant requirements

are S5.C.9 of the Ph I 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) 429-4571 or by email at [ccro461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ccro461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colleen Griffith", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Colleen Griffith  
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