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Subject: Level Two Response  
POPA Marine Terminal - NPDES permit # SO3-000337D

The Port's stormwater samples for the Marine Terminal have been indicating zinc levels that exceed the benchmark values. Ever since the construction of the Westport Shipyards building in 2003 we have been experiencing these elevated zinc levels in our stormwater samples. The Port has investigated all the possible sources and determined that the zinc must be from the building materials (metal) used by Westport. Their downspouts flow into the storm system that drains the whole Marine Trades area as well as the Marine Terminal area.

For the third quarter 2005 we have experienced even higher levels. Our assumption is that because we have had so little rain this whole year that the runoff from the metal building is even more concentrated.

We will continue to monitor this situation and will keep you apprised of any findings.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (360) 417-3452, e-mail [susanb@portofpa.com](mailto:susanb@portofpa.com).

Sincerely,

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