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May 9, 2011

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Tacoma, WA 98409-4701

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**RE: Industrial Stormwater General Permit**

Dear Industrial Stormwater Permittee:

Your facility has coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Industrial Stormwater General Permit (Permit). The purpose of this letter is to provide a reminder of some important Permit compliance deadlines in 2011. Please read the information below regarding Annual Reports and Corrective Actions.

**Annual Reports**

All facilities covered by the permit must submit an Annual Report to Ecology by May 15, 2011. These reports are a legal requirement of the Permit, and state and federal law. All facilities, including those that did not exceed the benchmarks or trigger corrective actions, are required to submit an Annual Report. Failure to submit an Annual Report is a permit violation.

If you have already submitted your Annual Report to Ecology – Thank You.

**If you haven't submitted your Annual Report yet, please take the time to do so by following the instructions below:**

- Step 1: Visit Ecology's Website and download a copy of Annual Report Form:  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html) or  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ecy070382.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ecy070382.html)
- Step 2: Complete the Annual Report form according to the instructions.  
Please contact Ecology if you have any questions.
- Step 3: Print and sign the form. Ensure that the person signing has signature authority.
- Step 4: Make a copy of your Annual Report and keep it with your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Permit records.



Step 5: Mail hard-copy of completed (original) Annual Report to Ecology by May 15, 2011:  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Water Quality Program – Industrial Stormwater  
PO Box 47696  
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

### **Corrective Actions**

The Permit relies on each facility's self-monitoring data to determine if additional stormwater best management practices (BMP) are needed to improve stormwater quality in the future. The purpose of this section is to provide information about the Permit requirements for Level 2 and 3 Corrective Actions, based on the number of times (quarters) a benchmark parameter is exceeded at a facility during the calendar year:

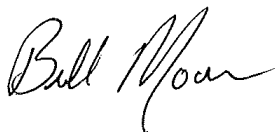
- Level 2 (additional Structural Source Control BMPs) - required if a benchmark parameter is exceeded 2 times during a calendar year. For example, if your copper levels exceeded the copper benchmark during the 1st and 4th quarters during 2010, a Level 2 corrective action for copper is required.
- Level 3 (additional Treatment BMPs) - required if a benchmark parameter is exceeded 3 or more times during a calendar year. For example, if your zinc levels exceeded the zinc benchmark during the 1st, 3rd, and 4th quarters during 2010, a Level 3 corrective action for zinc is required.
- If a parameter was sampled more than once per quarter, the average of those results is compared to the benchmark to determine if the benchmark was exceeded that quarter.

For information of the specific requirements for Level 2 or 3 corrective actions, please refer to your Permit (Pages 35-36). You can download the Permit and other useful documents from Ecology's website: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/industrial/index.html)

If you need clarification or assistance, contact Josh Klimek, at (360) 407-7451, or email [jokl461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jokl461@ecy.wa.gov).

For site-specific questions about stormwater BMPs, corrective actions, or any other aspects of permit compliance, contact your regional Ecology stormwater inspector, Paul Stasch at (360) 407-6273 or email [psta461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:psta461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Bill Moore, P.E.  
Program Development Services Section Manager  
Water Quality Program

cc: Stormwater file, HQ

