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July 18, 2023

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**RE: Coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit**

Dear Anita Fichthorn:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your Notice of Intent for coverage under Ecology's Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSWP). This is your permit coverage letter. Your permit coverage is effective July 18, 2023.

Retain this letter as an official record of permit coverage for your site. You may keep your records in electronic format if you can easily access them from your construction site. You can get the CSWGP, permit forms, and other information at Ecology's [CSWGP eCoverage Packet webpage](#)<sup>1</sup>. Contact your Permit Administrator, listed below, if you want a copy of the CSWGP mailed to you. Please read the permit and contact Ecology if you have any questions.

## Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (WQWebDMR)

This permit requires you to submit monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) for the full duration of permit coverage (from the first full month of coverage to termination). Your first sampling and reporting period will be for the month of **August** and your first DMR must be submitted by **September 15, 2023**.

You must submit your DMRs electronically using Ecology's secure online system, WQWebDMR. To sign up for WQWebDMR go to Ecology's [WQWebPortal guidance webpage](#)<sup>2</sup>. If you have

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ecology.wa.gov/eCoverage-packet>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance>

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questions, contact the portal staff at (360) 407-7097 (Olympia area), or (800) 633-6193/Option 3, or email [WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov).

### **Appeal Process**

You have a right to appeal coverage under the general permit to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB). Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter. Any appeal is limited to the general permit's applicability or non-applicability to a specific discharger. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). For more information regarding your right to appeal, please reference Ecology's Focus Sheet: [Appeal of General Permit Coverage](#)<sup>3</sup>.

### **Annual Permit Fees**

RCW 90.48.465 requires Ecology to recover the costs of managing the permit program. Permit fees are invoiced annually until the permit is terminated. Termination conditions are described in the permit. For permit fee related questions, please contact the Water Quality Fee Unit at [wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov) or (800) 633-6193/Option 2. You can also visit [Water Quality Permit Fees Webpage](#)<sup>4</sup> for more information.

### **Ecology Field Inspector Assistance**

If you have questions regarding stormwater management at your construction site, please contact your Regional Inspector, Joseph McCord of Ecology's Southwest Regional Office in Lacey at [joseph.mccord@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:joseph.mccord@ecy.wa.gov), or (360) 791-5017.

### **Questions or Additional Information**

Ecology is here to help. Please review our [Construction Stormwater General Permit webpage](#)<sup>5</sup> for more information. If you have questions about the Construction Stormwater General Permit, please contact your Permit Administrator, Melinda Wilson at [melinda.wilson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:melinda.wilson@ecy.wa.gov), or (360) 870-8290.

Sincerely,



Jeff Killelea, Manager  
Permit and Technical Services Section  
Water Quality Program

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<sup>3</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summarypages/1710007.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Fees>

<sup>5</sup> [www.ecology.wa.gov/constructionstormwaterpermit](http://www.ecology.wa.gov/constructionstormwaterpermit)