#### **Construction Stormwater General Permit**

# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

for

#### **South Sound Commerce Center**

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# List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym / Abbreviation	Explanation
303(d)	Section of the Clean Water Act pertaining to Impaired Waterbodies
BFO	Bellingham Field Office of the Department of Ecology
BMP(s)	Best Management Practice(s)
CESCL	Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
CRO	Central Regional Office of the Department of Ecology
CSWGP	Construction Stormwater General Permit
CWA	Clean Water Act
DMR	Discharge Monitoring Report
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ERO	Eastern Regional Office of the Department of Ecology
ERTS	Environmental Report Tracking System
ESC	Erosion and Sediment Control
GULD	General Use Level Designation
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
NWRO	Northwest Regional Office of the Department of Ecology
рН	Power of Hydrogen
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure
su	Standard Units
SWMMEW	Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington
SWMMWW	Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TESC	Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control
SWRO	Southwest Regional Office of the Department of Ecology
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
VFO	Vancouver Field Office of the Department of Ecology
WAC	Washington Administrative Code
WSDOT	Washington Department of Transportation
WWHM	Western Washington Hydrology Model
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#### 1 Project Information

Project/Site Name: South Sound Commerce Center

Street/Location: 7380 Linderson Way SW

City: Tumwater State: WA Zip code: 98501

Subdivision: N/A

Receiving waterbody: Groundwater

#### 1.1 Existing Conditions

Total acreage (including support activities such as off-site equipment staging yards, material storage areas, borrow areas).

Total acreage: 30.68
Disturbed acreage: 30.68
Existing structures: None

Landscape topography: Relatively flat with some berms and depressions.

Elevations range from 188 to 201.

Drainage patterns: Existing runoff collects in potholes and sheet flows offsite

to the west and east.

Existing Vegetation: Mostly cleared with some trees, particularly in SW

portion.

Critical Areas (wetlands, 1-year wellhead protection area, Category I critical streams, high erosion risk, steep aquifer recharge area, High groundwater hazard area.

or difficult to stabilize slopes):

List of known impairments for 303(d) listed or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the receiving waterbody: N/A

# 1.2 Proposed Construction Activities

Description of site development (example: subdivision):

Industrial

Description of construction activities (example: site preparation, demolition, excavation): Clearing, grubbing, grading, installation of new utilities, installation of stormwater facilities, building and driveway construction, landscaping.

Description of site drainage including flow from and onto adjacent properties. Must be consistent with Site Map in Appendix A:

The existing site consists of many shallow potholes and areas for stormwater to collect. Existing stormwater in the west tends to collect in these or flow onto adjacent properties to the west. Existing stormwater in the eastern portion of the site tends to flow east and north along Center Street. This project proposes to implement Postconstruction Soil Quality and Depth (Ecology BMP T5.13) in all new and disturbed lawn/landscape areas to retain greater stormwater functions, including increased infiltration potential and treatment of pollutants and sediments resulting from development. Infiltration galleries will be used to 100% infiltrate runoff from most of the site. Runoff from the Center Street frontage will infiltrate at a bioretention trench. Runoff

from landscape areas along the perimeter of the site will sheet flow to adjacent properties, matching existing conditions.

**Description of final stabilization (example: extent of revegetation, paving, landscaping):** At project completion, the site will contain a 481,241 sf warehouse building with 628,135 sf of parking, along with landscaping and drainage and utility improvements. The entire site area is expected to be disturbed.

#### **Contaminated Site Information:**

Proposed activities regarding contaminated soils or groundwater (example: on-site treatment system, authorized sanitary sewer discharge): N/A

### 2 Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

The SWPPP is a living document reflecting current conditions and changes throughout the life of the project. These changes may be informal (i.e., hand-written notes and deletions). Update the SWPPP when the CESCL has noted a deficiency in BMPs or deviation from original design.

#### 2.1 The 13 Elements

#### 2.1.1 Element 1: Preserve Vegetation / Mark Clearing Limits

To protect adjacent properties and to reduce the area of soil exposed to construction, the limits of construction will be clearly marked before land-disturbing activities begin. In general, natural vegetation and native topsoil shall be retained in an undisturbed state to the maximum extent possible. The BMPs relevant to marking the clearing limits that will be applied for this project include:

High Visibility Plastic or Metal Fence (BMP C103)

The contractor shall install High Visibility Plastic or Metal Fencing and paint the top 2-feet of fence posts with bright pink or orange paint along the construction limits. With Tumwater Inspector approval, the contractor may combine tree protection fencing, clearing limits fencing and filter fabric fencing into a single product by using orange filter fabric fence where it is needed and orange plastic fencing where filter fabric fencing is not shown on the approved Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans.

Alternate BMPs for marking clearing limits are included in Appendix B as a quick reference tool for the onsite inspector in the event the BMP(s) listed above are deemed ineffective or inappropriate during construction to satisfy the requirements set forth in the General NPDES Permit (Appendix E). To avoid potential erosion and sediment control issues that may cause a violation(s) of the NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (as provided in Appendix E), the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead will promptly initiate the implementation of one or more of the alternative BMPs listed in Appendix B after the first sign that existing BMPs are ineffective or failing.

#### 2.1.2 Element 2: Establish Construction Access

Construction access or activities occurring on unpaved areas shall be minimized, yet where necessary, access points shall be stabilized to minimize the tracking of sediment onto public roads, and street sweeping and street cleaning shall be employed to prevent sediment from entering state waters. The specific BMPs related to establishing construction access that will be used on this project include:

• Stabilized Construction Entrance (BMP C105)

Install stabilized construction entrances at the locations and per the details shown on the approved Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans.

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#### 2.1.3 Element 3: Control Flow Rates

In order to protect the properties and waterways downstream of the project site, stormwater discharges from the site will be controlled. The specific BMPs for flow control that shall be used on this project include:

- Silt Fence (BMP C233)
- Wattles (BMP C235)
- Temporary Sediment Pond (BMP C241)

Alternate flow control BMPs are included in Appendix B as a quick reference tool for the onsite inspector in the event the BMP(s) listed above are deemed ineffective or inappropriate during construction to satisfy the requirements set forth in the General NPDES Permit (Appendix E). To avoid potential erosion and sediment control issues that may cause a violation(s) of the NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (as provided in Appendix E), the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead will promptly initiate the implementation of one or more of the alternative BMPs listed in Appendix B after the first sign that existing BMPs are ineffective or failing.

The project site is located west of the Cascade Mountain Crest. As such, the project must comply with Minimum Requirement 7 (Ecology 2005). In general, discharge rates of stormwater from the site will be controlled where increases in impervious area or soil compaction during construction could lead to downstream erosion, or where necessary to meet local agency stormwater discharge requirements (e.g. discharge to combined sewer systems).

Will you construct stormwater retention and/or detention facilities? ⊠ Yes ☐ No
Will you use permanent infiltration ponds or other low impact development (example: rain gardens, bio-retention, porous pavement) to control flow during construction?  ☐ Yes ☑ No

#### 2.1.4 Element 4: Install Sediment Controls

All stormwater runoff from disturbed areas shall pass through an appropriate sediment removal BMP before leaving the construction site or prior to being discharged to an infiltration facility. The specific BMPs to be used for controlling sediment on this project include:

- Silt Fence (BMP C233)
- Wattles (BMP C235)
- Temporary Sediment Pond (BMP C241)

Install Filter Fabric Fencing/Silt Fence at locations shown and per the details and notes on the approved Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans.

Alternate sediment control BMPs are included in Appendix B as a quick reference tool for the onsite inspector in the event the BMP(s) listed above are deemed ineffective or inappropriate during construction to satisfy the requirements set forth in the General NPDES Permit (Appendix E). To avoid potential erosion and sediment control issues that may cause a violation(s) of the NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (as provided in Appendix E), the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead will promptly initiate the implementation of one or more of the alternative BMPs listed in Appendix B after the first sign that existing BMPs are ineffective or failing.

In addition, sediment will be removed from paved areas in and adjacent to construction work areas manually or using mechanical sweepers, as needed, to minimize tracking of sediments on vehicle tires away from the site and to minimize washoff of sediments from adjacent streets in runoff.

#### 2.1.5 Element 5: Stabilize Soils

Exposed and unworked soils shall be stabilized with the application of effective BMPs to prevent erosion throughout the life of the project. The specific BMPs for soil stabilization that shall be used on this project include:

- Temporary and Permanent Seeding (BMP C120)
- Mulching (BMP C121)
- Surface Roughening (BMP C130)

The project site is located west of the Cascade Mountain Crest. From October 1 through April 30, no soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than 2 days. From May 1 to September 30, no soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than 7 days. Soils shall be stabilized at the end of the shift before a holiday or weekend if needed based on the weather forecast. These stabilization requirements apply to all soils on site, whether at final grade or not. The local permitting authority may adjust these time limits if it can be shown that a development site's erosion and runoff potential justifies a different standard.

From October 1 through April 30, clearing, grading, and other soil-disturbing activities shall only be permitted if shown to the satisfaction of the local permitting authority that the transportation of sediment from the construction site to receiving waters will be prevented.

In general, cut and fill slopes will be stabilized as soon as possible and soil stockpiles will be temporarily covered with plastic sheeting or seeded and mulched. All stockpiled soils shall be stabilized from erosion, protected with sediment trapping measures, and where possible, be located away from storm drain inlets, waterways, and drainage channels.

Alternate soil stabilization BMPs are included in Appendix B as a quick reference tool for the onsite inspector in the event the BMP(s) listed above are deemed ineffective or inappropriate during construction to satisfy the requirements set forth in the General NPDES Permit (Appendix E). To avoid potential erosion and sediment control issues that may cause a violation(s) of the NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (as provided in Appendix E), the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead will promptly initiate the implementation of one or more of the alternative BMPs listed in Appendix B after the first sign that existing BMPs are ineffective or failing.

#### **West of the Cascade Mountains Crest**

Season	Dates	Number of Days Soils Can be Left Exposed
During the Dry Season	May 1 – September 30	7 days
During the Wet Season	October 1 – April 30	2 days

Soils must be stabilized at the end of the shift before a holiday or weekend if needed based on the weather forecast.

Anticipated project dates: June 2022 – December 2023

Will you construct during the wet season?	⊠ Yes	□No
will you construct during the wet season:		

#### 2.1.6 Element 6: Protect Slopes

All cut and fill slopes will be designed, constructed, and protected in a manner than minimizes erosion. The following specific BMPs will be used to protect slopes for this project:

- Temporary and Permanent Seeding (BMP C120)
- Mulching (BMP C121)
- Surface Roughening (BMP C130)

All disturbed areas shall be seeded per the notes and details in the approved Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans and in BMP C120. In no case shall soils remain unworked and unstabilized for more than 7 days during the dry season (May 1 to September 30) or more than 2 days during the wet season (October 1 to April 30).

Alternate slope protection BMPs are included in Appendix B as a quick reference tool for the onsite inspector in the event the BMP(s) listed above are deemed ineffective or inappropriate during construction to satisfy the requirements set forth in the General NPDES Permit (Appendix E). To avoid potential erosion and sediment control issues that may cause a violation(s) of the NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (as provided in Appendix E), the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead will promptly initiate the implementation of one or more of the alternative BMPs listed in Appendix B after the first sign that existing BMPs are ineffective or failing.

Will steep slopes be present at the site during co	onstruction?
⊠ Yes □ No	

#### 2.1.7 Element 7: Protect Drain Inlets

All stormwater runoff from disturbed areas shall pass through an appropriate sediment removal BMP before leaving the construction site or prior to being discharged to an infiltration facility. The specific BMPs to be used for controlling sediment on this project include:

- BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection
- BMP C233: Silt Fence

Install Filter Fabric Fencing/Silt Fence at locations shown and per the details and notes on the approved Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans. Install Storm Drain Inlet Protection/Inlet Sediment Protection/Catch Basin Inserts into all catch basins/curb inlets/storm drain inlets adjacent to the site.

#### 2.1.8 Element 8: Stabilize Channels and Outlets

This site does not propose site runoff conveyance via channels or discharge to a stream or other natural drainage point.

In the event that channels and outlets become necessary, the following specific BMPs are to be implemented:

- Channel Lining (BMP C202)
- Outlet Protection (BMP C209)

#### 2.1.9 Element 9: Control Pollutants

All pollutants, including waste materials and demolition debris, that occur onsite shall be handled and disposed of in a manner that does not cause contamination of stormwater. Good housekeeping and preventative measures will be taken to ensure that the site will be kept clean, well organized, and free of debris. BMPs to be implemented to control specific sources of pollutants are discussed below.

Will maintenance, i	fueling, and/c	or repair of hea	avy equipment	and vehicles	occur on-s	ite?
⊠ Yes 🗌 No						

If maintenance, fueling, and/or repair of heavy equipment and vehicles is required to occur onsite, follow the requirements listed below. If the contractor chooses to store fueling tanks or petroleum product storage containers onsite, they will amend this SWPPP to provide total volume of fuel stored onsite, the capacity of the second containment for each tank, and provide a Spill Prevention, Control, andCountermeasure (SPCC) Plan which complies with the Federal regulations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Vehicles, construction equipment, and/or petroleum product storage/dispensing:

- All vehicles, equipment, and petroleum product storage/dispensing areas will be inspected regularly to detect any leaks or spills, and to identify maintenance needs to prevent leaks or spills.
- On-site fueling tanks and petroleum product storage containers shall include secondary containment.
- Spill prevention measures, such as drip pans, will be used when conducting maintenance and repair of vehicles or equipment.
- In order to perform emergency repairs on site, temporary plastic will be placed beneath and, if raining, over the vehicle.
- Contaminated surfaces shall be cleaned immediately following any discharge or spill incident.

	wheel wash or tire bath system BMPs be used during construction?
Y €	es 🔀 No
Will p	oH-modifying sources be present on-site?
X Ye	es No
lable	e 1 – pH-Modifying Sources
	None
	Bulk cement
	Cement kiln dust
	Fly ash
	Other cementitious materials
	New concrete washing or curing waters
	Waste streams generated from concrete grinding and sawing
	Exposed aggregate processes
	Dewatering concrete vaults
$\boxtimes$	Concrete pumping and mixer washout waters
	Recycled concrete
	Recycled concrete stockpiles
	Other (i.e., calcium lignosulfate) [please describe: ]
Conc	rete and grout:

 Process water and slurry resulting from concrete work will be prevented from entering the waters of the State by implementing Concrete Handling

measures (BMP C151).

Concrete trucks must not be washed out onto the ground, or into storm drains, open ditches, streets, or streams. Excess concrete must not be dumped on-site, except in designated concrete washout areas with appropriate BMPs installed.

Will uncontaminated water from water-only based shaft drilling for construction of building, road
and bridge foundations be infiltrated provided the wastewater is managed in a way that prohibit
discharge to surface waters?
☐ Yes ⊠ No

Sanitary wastewater:

• Portable sanitation facilities will be firmly secured, regularly maintained, and emptied when necessary.

#### 2.1.10 Element 10: Control Dewatering

Dewatering is not expected to be part of this project.

In the event that dewatering becomes necessary, the following BMPs will be implemented:

• Level Spreader (BMP C206)

#### 2.1.11 Element 11: Maintain BMPs

All temporary and permanent Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) BMPs shall be maintained and repaired as needed to ensure continued performance of their intended function.

Maintenance and repair shall be conducted in accordance with each particular BMP specification (see *Volume II of the SWMMWW or Chapter 7 of the SWMMEW*).

Visual monitoring of all BMPs installed at the site will be conducted at least once every calendar week and within 24 hours of any stormwater or non-stormwater discharge from the site. If the site becomes inactive and is temporarily stabilized, the inspection frequency may be reduced to once every calendar month.

All temporary ESC BMPs shall be removed within 30 days after final site stabilization is achieved or after the temporary BMPs are no longer needed.

Trapped sediment shall be stabilized on-site or removed. Disturbed soil resulting from removal of either BMPs or vegetation shall be permanently stabilized.

Additionally, protection must be provided for all BMPs installed for the permanent control of stormwater from sediment and compaction. BMPs that are to remain in place following completion of construction shall be examined and restored to full operating condition. If sediment enters these BMPs during construction, the sediment shall be removed and the facility shall be returned to conditions specified in the construction documents.

# 2.1.12 Element 12: Manage the Project

For project management the following BMPs will be utilized:

• BMP C160: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead

BMP C162: Scheduling

The project will be managed based on the following principles:

 Projects will be phased to the maximum extent practicable and seasonal work limitations will be taken into account.

Inspection and monitoring:

- Inspection, maintenance and repair of all BMPs will occur as needed to ensure performance of their intended function.
- Site inspections and monitoring will be conducted in accordance with Special Condition S4 of the CSWGP. Sampling locations are indicated on the <u>Site Map</u>. Sampling station(s) are located in accordance with applicable requirements of the CSWGP.
- Maintain an updated SWPPP.
  - The SWPPP will be updated, maintained, and implemented in accordance with Special Conditions S3, S4, and S9 of the CSWGP.

As site work progresses the SWPPP will be modified routinely to reflect changing site conditions. The SWPPP will be reviewed monthly to ensure the content is current.

Erosion and sediment control BMPs for this project have been designed based on the following principles:

- Design the project to fit the existing topography, soils, and drainage patterns.
- Emphasize erosion control rather than sediment control.
- Minimize the extent and duration of the area exposed.
- Keep runoff velocities low.
- · Retain sediment on site.
- Thoroughly monitor site and maintain all ESC measures.
- Schedule major earthwork during the dry season.

In addition, project management will incorporate the key components listed below:

As this project site is located west of the Cascade Mountain Crest, the project will be managed according to the following key project components:

#### Phasing of Construction

- The construction project is being phased to the extent practicable in order to prevent soil
  erosion, and, to the maximum extent possible, the transport of sediment from the site
  during construction.
- Revegetation of exposed areas and maintenance of that vegetation shall be an integral part of the clearing activities during each phase of construction, per the Scheduling BMP (C 162).

#### Seasonal Work Limitations

From October 1 through April 30, clearing, grading, and other soil disturbing activities shall only be permitted if shown to the satisfaction of the local permitting authority that silt-laden runoff will be prevented from leaving the site through a combination of the following:

- Site conditions including existing vegetative coverage, slope, soil type, and proximity to receiving waters; and
- Limitations on activities and the extent of disturbed areas; and
- Proposed erosion and sediment control measures.

Based on the information provided and/or local weather conditions, the local permitting authority may expand or restrict the seasonal limitation on site disturbance.

The following activities are exempt from the seasonal clearing and grading limitations:

- Routine maintenance and necessary repair of erosion and sediment control BMPs:
- Routine maintenance of public facilities or existing utility structures that do not expose the soil or result in the removal of the vegetative cover to soil; and
- Activities where there is 100 percent infiltration of surface water runoff within the site in approved and installed erosion and sediment control facilities.

#### Coordination with Utilities and Other Jurisdictions

• Care has been taken to coordinate with utilities, other construction projects, and the local jurisdiction in preparing this SWPPP and scheduling the construction work.

#### Inspection and Monitoring

- All BMPs shall be inspected, maintained, and repaired as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function. Site inspections shall be conducted by a person who is knowledgeable in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control. This person has the necessary skills to:
  - Assess the site conditions and construction activities that could impact the quality of stormwater, and
  - Assess the effectiveness of erosion and sediment control measures used to control the quality of stormwater discharges.
- A Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead shall be on-site or on-call at all times.
- Whenever inspection and/or monitoring reveals that the BMPs identified in this SWPPP are inadequate, due to the actual discharge of or potential to discharge a significant amount of any pollutant, appropriate BMPs or design changes shall be implemented as soon as possible.

#### Maintaining an Updated Construction SWPPP

This SWPPP shall be retained on-site or within reasonable access to the site.

- The SWPPP shall be modified whenever there is a change in the design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the construction site that has, or could have, a significant effect on the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state.
- The SWPPP shall be modified if, during inspections or investigations conducted by the
  owner/operator, or the applicable local or state regulatory authority, it is determined that
  the SWPPP is ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants in
  stormwater discharges from the site. The SWPPP shall be modified as necessary to
  include additional or modified BMPs designed to correct problems identified. Revisions
  to the SWPPP shall be completed within seven (7) days following the inspection.

#### 2.1.13 Element 13: Protect Low Impact Development (LID) BMPs

Low Impact Development (LID) BMP's for this site include all lawn and landscape areas, the preservation of native vegetation, and the bioretention swale. Protect all completed LID BMPs from compaction, excavation, and all other construction activities to the greatest extent possible. Clearly marked and protect completed LID areas from construction traffic. Mark lawn and landscape areas with High Visibility Plastic or Metal Fencing. Provide buffer zones to ensure construction activities remain off the lawn and landscape areas.

Implement the following BMPs:

- 1. Clearly mark and protect completed LID areas from construction traffic.
- 2. Mark LID areas with high visibility plastic or metal fencing.
- 3. Provide buffer zones to ensure construction activities
- 4. Clearly document and plan to meet and walk through the site with equipment operations prior to construction to clarify construction boundaries, limits of disturbance and construction activities in the vicinity of LID areas.
- 5. General/primary construction must inform other subcontractors of applicable LID BMP protection requirements.
- 6. Complete construction and erosion control activities in one section of the site before beginning activity in another section.
- 7. Leave areas of rich topsoil in place, or if excavated, utilize elsewhere on the site to amend areas with sparse or nutrient deficient topsoil.

# 3 Pollution Prevention Team

**Table 2 – Team Information** 

Title	Name(s)	Phone Number
Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL)	TBD	TBD
Resident Engineer	Hatton Godat Pantier – Chloe McIntyre	(360) 943-1599
Emergency Ecology Contact	Report a Spill Hotline	(360) 407-6300
Emergency Permittee/ Owner Contact	Brenda Fodge	(206) 248-0284
Non-Emergency Owner Contact	TBD	
Monitoring Personnel	TBD	
Ecology Regional Office	Southwest Regional Office	(360) 407-6300

### 4 Monitoring and Sampling Requirements

Monitoring includes visual inspection, sampling for water quality parameters of concern, and documentation of the inspection and sampling findings in a site log book. A site log book will be maintained for all on-site construction activities and will include:

- A record of the implementation of the SWPPP and other permit requirements
- Site inspections
- Stormwater sampling data

The site logbook must be maintained on-site within reasonable access to the site and be made available upon request to Ecology or the local jurisdiction.

Numeric effluent limits may be required for certain discharges to 303(d) listed waterbodies. See CSWGP Special Condition S8 and Section 5 of this template.

#### 4.1 Site Inspection

All BMPs will be inspected, maintained, and repaired as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function. The inspector will be a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) per BMP C160. The name and contact information for the CESCL is provided in Section 5 of this SWPPP.

Site inspection will occur in all areas disturbed by construction activities and at all stormwater discharge points. Stormwater will be examined for the presence of suspended sediment, turbidity, discoloration, and oily sheen. The site inspector will evaluate and document the effectiveness of the installed BMPs and determine if it is necessary to repair or replace any of the BMPs to improve the quality of stormwater discharges. All maintenance and repairs will be documented in the site log book or forms provided in this document. All new BMPs or design changes will be documented in the SWPPP as soon as possible.

Site inspections will be conducted at least once every calendar week and within 24 hours following any discharge from the site. For sites that are temporarily stabilized and inactive, the required frequency is reduced to once per calendar month.

The site inspector will record each site inspection using the site log inspection forms provided in Appendix D. The site inspection log forms may be separated from this SWPPP document, but will be maintained on-site or within reasonable access to the site and be made available upon request to Ecology or the local jurisdiction.

#### 4.2 Stormwater Quality Sampling

#### 4.2.1 Turbidity Sampling

Requirements include calibrated turbidity meter or transparency tube to sample site discharges for compliance with the CSWGP. Sampling will be conducted at all discharge points at least once per calendar week.

Method for sampling turbidity:

#### Table 3 – Turbidity Sampling Method

	Turbidity Meter/Turbidimeter (required for disturbances 5 acres or greater in size)
	Transparency Tube (option for disturbances less than 1 acre and up to 5 acres in size)
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The benchmark for turbidity value is 25 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) and a transparency less than 33 centimeters.

If the discharge's turbidity is 26 to 249 NTU <u>or</u> the transparency is less than 33 cm but equal to or greater than 6 cm, the following steps will be conducted:

- 1. Review the SWPPP for compliance with Special Condition S9. Make appropriate revisions within 7 days of the date the discharge exceeded the benchmark.
- 2. Immediately begin the process to fully implement and maintain appropriate source control and/or treatment BMPs as soon as possible. Address the problems within 10 days of the date the discharge exceeded the benchmark. If installation of necessary treatment BMPs is not feasible within 10 days, Ecology may approve additional time when the Permittee requests an extension within the initial 10-day response period.
- 3. Document BMP implementation and maintenance in the site log book.

If the turbidity exceeds 250 NTU <u>or</u> the transparency is 6 cm or less at any time, the following steps will be conducted:

- Telephone or submit an electronic report to the applicable Ecology Region's Environmental Report Tracking System (ERTS) within 24 hours.
  - Southwest Region (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum,): (360) 407-6300 or <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/forms/nerts">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/forms/nerts</a> online/SWRO nerts online.html
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- 3. Document BMP implementation and maintenance in the site log book.
- 4. Continue to sample discharges daily until one of the following is true:
  - Turbidity is 25 NTU (or lower).
  - Transparency is 33 cm (or greater).

- Compliance with the water quality limit for turbidity is achieved.
  - 1 5 NTU over background turbidity, if background is less than 50 NTU
  - 1% 10% over background turbidity, if background is 50 NTU or greater
- The discharge stops or is eliminated.

#### 4.2.2 pH Sampling

pH monitoring is required for "Significant concrete work" (i.e., greater than 1000 cubic yards poured concrete over the life of the project). The use of recycled concrete or engineered soils (soil amendments including but not limited to Portland cement-treated base [CTB], cement kiln dust [CKD] or fly ash) also requires pH monitoring.

For significant concrete work, pH sampling will start the first day concrete is poured and continue until it is cured, typically three (3) weeks after the last pour.

For engineered soils and recycled concrete, pH sampling begins when engineered soils or recycled concrete are first exposed to precipitation and continues until the area is fully stabilized.

If the measured pH is 8.5 or greater, the following measures will be taken:

- 1. Prevent high pH water from entering storm sewer systems or surface water.
- 2. Adjust or neutralize the high pH water to the range of 6.5 to 8.5 su using appropriate technology such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) sparging (liquid or dry ice).
- 3. Written approval will be obtained from Ecology prior to the use of chemical treatment other than CO<sub>2</sub> sparging or dry ice.

Method for sampling pH:

#### Table 4 - pH Sampling Method

pH meter	
☐ pH test kit	

# 5 Discharges to 303(d) or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waterbodies

5.1 303(d) Listed Waterbodies
Is the receiving water $303(d)$ (Category 5) listed for turbidity, fine sediment, phosphorus, or pH?
☐ Yes ⊠ No
5.2 TMDL Waterbodies
Waste Load Allocation for CWSGP discharges:
N/A

Discharges to TMDL receiving waterbodies will meet in-stream water quality criteria at the point of discharge.

# 6 Reporting and Record Keeping

#### 6.1 Record Keeping

#### 6.1.1 Site Log Book

A site log book will be maintained for all on-site construction activities and will include:

- A record of the implementation of the SWPPP and other permit requirements
- Site inspections
- Sample logs

#### 6.1.2 Records Retention

Records will be retained during the life of the project and for a minimum of three (3) years following the termination of permit coverage in accordance with Special Condition S5.C of the CSWGP.

Permit documentation to be retained on-site:

- CSWGP
- Permit Coverage Letter
- SWPPP
- Site Log Book

Permit documentation will be provided within 14 days of receipt of a written request from Ecology. A copy of the SWPPP or access to the SWPPP will be provided to the public when requested in writing in accordance with Special Condition S5.G.2.b of the CSWGP.

# 6.1.3 Updating the SWPPP

The SWPPP will be modified if:

- Found ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants in stormwater discharges from the site.
- There is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the construction site that has, or could have, a significant effect on the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State.

The SWPPP will be modified within seven (7) days if inspection(s) or investigation(s) determine additional or modified BMPs are necessary for compliance. An updated timeline for BMP implementation will be prepared.

### 6.2 Reporting

#### **6.2.1 Discharge Monitoring Reports**

Cumulative soil disturbance is one (1) acre or larger; therefore, Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) will be submitted to Ecology monthly. If there was no discharge during a given monitoring period the DMR will be submitted as required, reporting "No Discharge". The DMR due date is fifteen (15) days following the end of each calendar month.

DMRs will be reported online through Ecology's WQWebDMR System.

#### **6.2.2 Notification of Noncompliance**

If any of the terms and conditions of the permit is not met, and the resulting noncompliance may cause a threat to human health or the environment, the following actions will be taken:

- 1. Ecology will be notified within 24-hours of the failure to comply by calling the applicable Regional office ERTS phone number (Regional office numbers listed below).
- 2. Immediate action will be taken to prevent the discharge/pollution or otherwise stop or correct the noncompliance. If applicable, sampling and analysis of any noncompliance will be repeated immediately and the results submitted to Ecology within five (5) days of becoming aware of the violation.
- 3. A detailed written report describing the noncompliance will be submitted to Ecology within five (5) days, unless requested earlier by Ecology.

Anytime turbidity sampling indicates turbidity is 250 NTUs or greater, or water transparency is 6 cm or less, the Ecology Regional office will be notified by phone within 24 hours of analysis as required by Special Condition S5.A of the CSWGP.

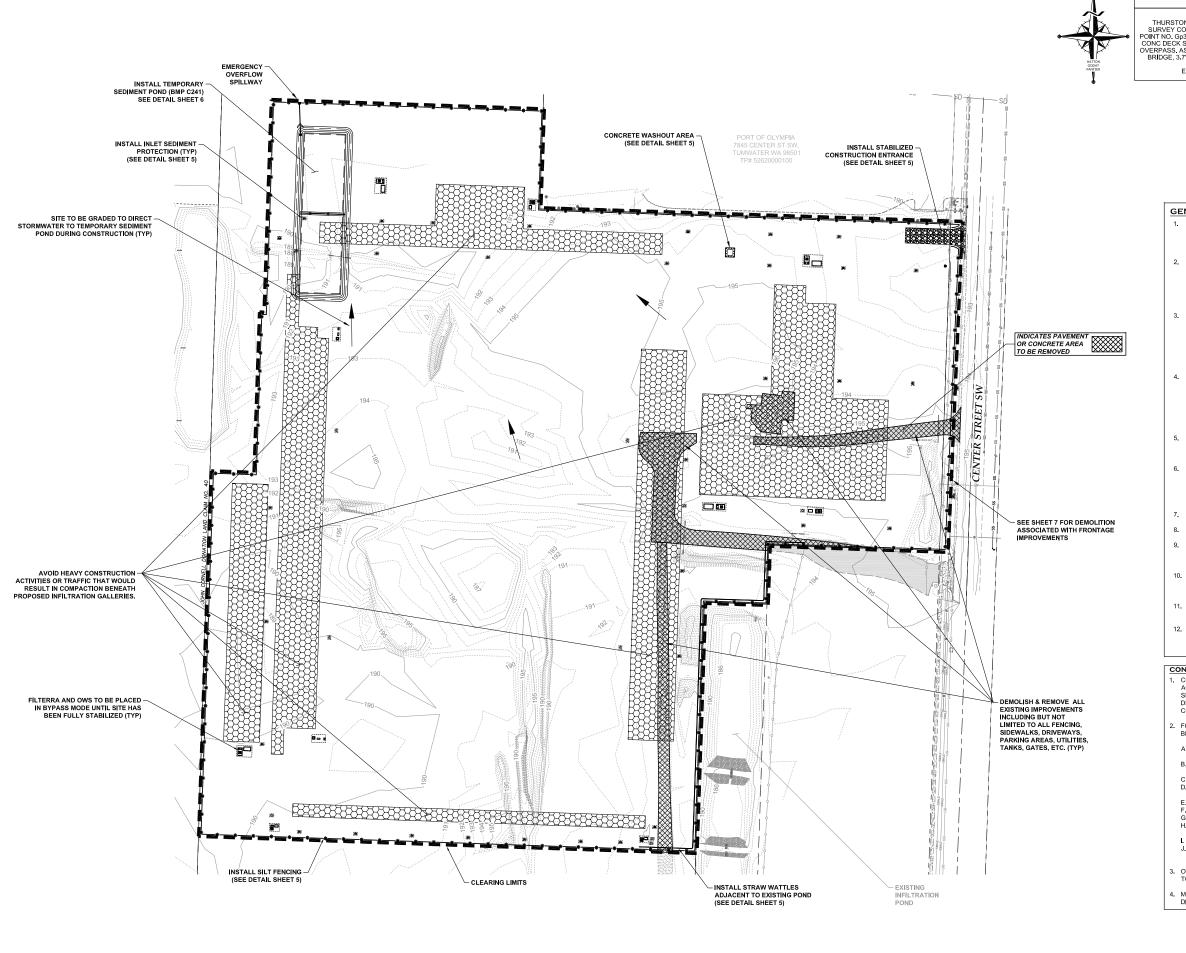
• **Southwest Region** at (360) 407-6300 for Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, or Wahkiakum

Include the following information:

- 1. Your name and / Phone number
- 2. Permit number
- 3. City / County of project
- 4. Sample results
- 5. Date / Time of call
- 6. Date / Time of sample
- 7. Project name

In accordance with Special Condition S4.D.5.b of the CSWGP, the Ecology Regional office will be notified if chemical treatment other than CO<sub>2</sub> sparging is planned for adjustment of high pH water.

# A. Site Plan



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THURSTON COUNTY HIGH PRECISION SURVEY CONTROL NETWORK CONTROL OINT NO. Gp34005-15 WSDOT BRASS DISK I CONCIDECK SR-5 & TUMWATER BLVD BIRDO DECK SK-5 & TUMWATER BLVD BIRD VERPASS. AS BUILT CENTER OF CONCRET BRIDGE, 3.7' SOUTH OF NORTH EDGE OF CONCRETE RAIL ELEVATION =215.93

THURSTON COUNTY HIGH PRECISION SURVEY CONTROL NETWORK BASED ON T.C.H.P. CONTROL #280 & Gp34005-15 BEARING BETWEEN SAID POINTS EQUALS NORTH 07°59'59" EAST

> SCALE: 1" = 80' **LEGEND**

CLEARING LIMITS

- SILT FENCE

INLET SEDIMENT PROTECTION



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GENERAL EROSION CONTROL NOTES:

- EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION. THE PROJECT ENGINEER AND THE REVIEWING AGENCY SHALL INSPECT AND APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF EROSION CONTROL MEASURES PRIOR TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.
- EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE ITEMS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES. SILTATION OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED DRAINAGE FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED. CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT MIGRATION OF SILTS TO OFF SITE PROPERTIES.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE DAILY SURVEILLANCE OF ALL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS TO THE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AS REQUIRED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE INSPECTOR OR PROJECT ENGINEER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL LOCAL AND STATE EROSION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN CIVIL PENALTIES BEING LEVIED AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR.
- DURING THE WET SEASON, OCTOBER TO APRIL INCLUSIVE, ALL DISTURBED DURING THE WET SEASON, OCTOBER TO APPIL INCLUSIVE, ALL DISTORBED SOILS SHALL BE STABILIZED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER STOP OF WORK, EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, COVERING THE AFFECTED AREA INCLUDING SPOIL PILES WITH PLASTIC SHEETING, STRAW MATTING, JUTE MATTING, STRAW MULCH, OR WOOD CHIPS. SEEDING OF THE DISTURBED AREAS SHALL TAKE PLACE AS WEATHER
- 5. ALL SEEDED OR SODDED AREAS SHALL BE CHECKED REGULARLY TO ENSURE VEGETATIVE COVERAGE IS COMPLETE. AREAS SHALL BE REPAIRED, RESEEDED, AND FERTILIZED AS REQUIRED.
- TRACKING OF SOIL OFF SITE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. IF SOIL IS TRACKED ON TO A PUBLIC STREET, IT SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE END OF THAT WORKING DAY. ANY FURTHER TRACKING OF MUD SHALL THEN BE PREVENTED BY SWEEPING OR WASHING OF THE VEHICLE'S TIRES BEFORE DRIVING ON A CITY
- 7. NO MORE THAN 300LF OF TRENCH SHALL BE OPENED AT ONE TIME.
- 8. EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL BE PLACED ON THE UPHILL SIDE OF TRENCHES.
- TRENCH DEWATERING DEVICES SHALL BE DISCHARGED IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT FLOWING STREAMS, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, OR OFF SITE PROPERTIES.
- 10. ALL STORM SEWER INLETS RECEIVING RUNOFF FROM THE PROJECT DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PROTECTED SO THAT SEDIMENT-LADEN WATER WILL BE FILTERED BEFORE ENTERING THE CONVEYANCE SYSTEM.
- 11. ALL OFF SITE CATCH BASINS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE SITE SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM SILTATION.
- 12. ALL DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE SEEDED OR SODDED UPON COMPLETION OF WORK. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE DISTURBED AREAS IS PROVIDED AND THAT GROWTH OF VEGETATION IS ESTABLISHED.

#### CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE:

- CONSTRUCTION ON THIS SITE SHALL BE CONDUCTED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLANS, DEVIATIONS FROM THESE PLANS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PROJECT ENGINEER AND REVIEWING AGENCY. DEVIATIONS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO ANY SITE DISTURBING ACTIVITY NOT CONTAINED WITHIN THE APPROVED PLANS.
- FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITE, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL SEQUENCE SHALL BE OBSERVED:
- A. INSTALL STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE TO PROVIDE SITE ACCESS AT INDICATED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE LOCATION.
   B. INSTALL FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND CLEARING LIMITS FENCING AS SHOWN IN
- THESE PLANS
- C. INSTALL TEMPORARY SEDIMENT POND AS SHOWN IN THESE PLANS.
  D. INSTALL INLET PROTECTION FOR EXISTING INLETS IN THE VICINITY OF AREAS TO BE DISTURBED AS INDICATED ON PLANS.
- E. CALL FOR INSPECTION BY THE REVIEWING AGENCY AND PROJECT ENGINEER.
- F. BEGIN TREE CLEARING AND GRUBBING OF AREAS WHICH ARE TO BE GRADED. G. BEGIN GRADING OF AREA TO SUBGRADE AS SPECIFIED.
- Begin Grading of Area to Subgrade as Specified.
   INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINAGE FACILITIES (LE., PIPING, CATCH BASINS, AND OTHER UTILITIES.)
   STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION
- J. PERMANENT EROSION CONTROL MEASURES (I.E., HYDROSEEDING, GRASSING PLANTINGS, ETC.)
- ONCE THE SITE HAS BEEN DISTURBED, CONTINUE OPERATIONS DILIGENTLY TOWARD COMPLETION AND STABILIZATION OF THE SITE.
- MONITOR ALL EROSION CONTROL FACILITIES, REPAIR, MODIFY, AND ENHANCE AS DIRECTED OR AS REQUIRED.

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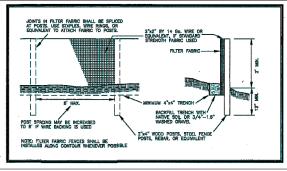
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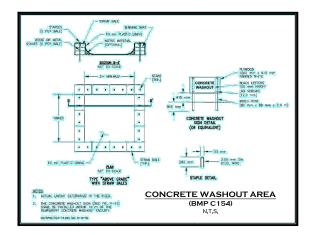
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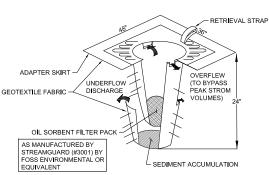
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SILT FENCE DETAIL (BMP C233) N.T.S.

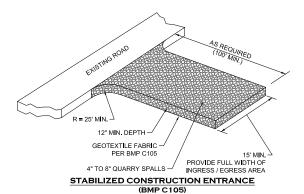




# INLET SEDIMENT PROTECTION (BMP C220) N.T.S.

#### INLET SEDIMENT PROTECTION NOTES: (BMP C220)

- 1. INSTALL INSERT PER THE MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS
- MAINTAIN AND REPLACE INSERTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER, AS REQUIRED BY THE INSPECTOR OR PROJECT ENGINEER, AND AS OTHERWISE NECESSARY.



# N.T.S. STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE NOTES: (BMP C105)

- MATERIAL SHALL BE 4 INCH TO 8 INCH QUARRY SPALLS. (STATE STANDARD
- THE ROCK PAD SHALL BE AT LEAST 12 INCHES THICK AND 100 FEET LONG. WIDTH SHALL BE THE FULL WIDTH OF THE VEHICLE INGRESS AND EGRESS AREA.
- ADDITIONAL ROCK SHALL BE ADDED PERIODICALLY TO MAINTAIN PROPER
- IF THE PAD DOES NOT ADEQUATELY REMOVE THE MUD FROM THE VEHICLE WHEELS. THE WHEELS SHALL BE HOSED OFF BEFORE THE VEHICLE ENTERS A PAVED STREET. THE WASHING SHALL BE DONE ON AN AREA COVERED WITH CRUSHED ROCK AND WASH WATER SHALL DRAIN TO A SEDIMENT RETENTION FACILITY OR THROUGH A SILT FENCE. IF THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE FAILS TO REMOVE MUD FROM THE TIRES AND TRACK OUT IS OBSERVED, THE CITY WILL REQUIRE A WHEEL WASHING STATION TO BE INSTALLED.

#### EROSION CONTROL SEEDING NOTES: (BMP C120)

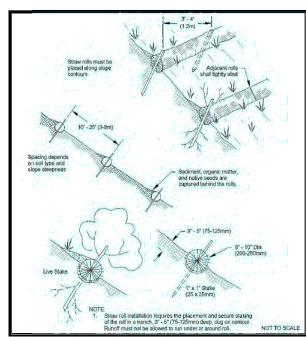
- 1. SEED MIXTURE SHALL BE: 40% CHEWINGS OR ANNUAL BLUEGRASS, 50% PERENNIAL RYE, 5% RED TOP OR COLONIAL BENTGRASS AND 5% WHITE DUTCH CLOVER APPLIED AT THE RATE OF 120 POUNDS PER ACRE.
- 2. SEED BEDS PLANTED BETWEEN MAY 1 AND OCTOBER 31 WILL REQUIRE IRRIGATION AND OTHER MAINTENANCE AS NECESSARY TO FOSTER AND PROTECT THE ROOT STRUCTURE.
- FOR SEED BEDS PLANTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 31 AND APRIL 30, ARMORING OF THE SEED BED WILL BE NECESSARY (E.G., GEOTEXTILES,JUTE MAT, CLEAR PLASTIC COVERING).
- BEFORE SEEDING, INSTALL NEEDED SURFACE RUNOFF CONTROL MEASURES SUCH AS GRADIENT TERRACES, INTERCEPTOR DIKES, SWALES, LEVEL SPREADERS AND SEDIMENT BASINS.
- 5. THE SEEDBED SHALL BE FIRM WITH A FAIRLY FINE SURFACE, FOLLOWING SURFACE ROUGHENING, PERFORM ALL CULTURAL OPERATIONS ACROSS OR AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE SLOPE.
- 6. FERTILIZERS ARE TO BE USED ACCORDING TO SUPPLIERS RECOMMENDATIONS. AMOUNTS USED SHOULD BE MINIMIZED, ESPECIALLY ADJACENT TO WATER BODIES AND WETLANDS.

#### MULCH NOTES: (BMP C121)

- MULCH MATERIALS USED SHALL BE HAY OR STRAW, AND SHALL BE APPLIED AT THE RATE OF 2 - 3 TONS / ACRE OR OTHER WOOD FIBER CELLULOX MATERIAL TO BE APPLIED AT THE RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 TONS / ACRE.
- 2. MULCHES SHALL BE APPLIED IN ALL AREAS WITH EXPOSED SOILS.
- MULCHING SHALL BE USED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEEDING OR IN AREAS WHICH CANNOT BE SEEDED BECAUSE OF THE SEASON.
- 4. ALL AREAS NEEDING MULCH SHALL BE COVERED BY NOVEMBER 1.
- MULCH MUST BE MAINTAINED UNTIL SITE HAS ESTABLISHED 80% GRASS COVERAGE.

#### STOCKPILE NOTES:

- STOCKPILES SHALL BE STABILIZED DAILY WITH PLASTIC COVERING OR
   OTHER APPROVED DEVICES BETWEEN OCTBER 1 AND APRIL 30.
- IN ANY SEASON SEDIMENT LEACHING FROM STOCKPILES MUST BE POSITIVELY PREVENTED.
- TOPSOIL SHALL NOT BE PLACED WHILE IN A FROZEN OR MUDDY CONDITION, WHEN SUBGRADE IS DETRIMENTAL TO PROPER GRADING OR PROPOSED SODDING OR SEEDING.
- PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED GRADES, IN THE AREAS TO RECEIVE TOPSOIL SHALL BE MAINTAINED ACCORDING TO THE APPROVED PLANS.



STRAW WATTLES (BMP C235) N.T.S.

#### STANDARD SWPPP NOTES:

APPROVAL OF THIS CONSTRUCTION SWPPP DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPROVAL OF PERMANENT ROAD OR DRAINAGE DESIGN (E.G., SIZE AND LOCATION OF ROADS, PIPES, RESTRICTORS, CHANNELS, RETENTION/DETENTION/INFILITATION FACIL THES, UTILITIES, ETC.).

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CONSTRUCTION SWPPP AND THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT, AND UPGRADING OF THESE CONSTRUCTION SWPPP FACILITIES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR UNTIL ALL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND APPROVED AND VEGETATION/LANDSCAPING IS ESTABLISHED.

THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CLEARING LIMITS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN SHALL BE CLEARLY FLAGGED IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD. NO DISTURBANCE BEYOND THE FLAGGED CLEARING LIMITS SHALL BE PERMITTED. THE FLAGGING SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR FOR THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION.

THE CONSTRUCTION SWPPP FACILITIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN MUST BE CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL CLEARING AND GRADING ACTIVITIES, AND IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO ENSURE THAT SEDIMENT AND SEDIMENT LADEN WATER DO NOT ENTER THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM, ROADWAYS, OR VIOLATE APPLICABLE WATER STANDARDS.

THE CONSTRUCTION SWPPP FACILITIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTICIPATED SITE CONDITIONS. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, THESE ESC FACILITIES SHALL BE UPGRADED AS NEEDED FOR UNEXPECTED STORM EVENTS AND TO ENSURE THAT SEDIMENT AND SEDIMENT-LADEN WATER DO NOT LEAVE THE SITE.

THE CONSTRUCTION SWPPP FACILITIES SHALL BE INSPECTED DAILY BY THE APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR AND MAINTAINED AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THEIR CONTINUED FUNCTIONING.

THE CONSTRUCTION SWPPP FACILITIES ON INACTIVE SITES SHALL BE INSPECTED AND MAINTAINED A MINIMUM OF ONCE A MONTH OR WITHIN THE 48 HOURS FOLLOWING A MAJOR STORM EVENT.

AT NO TIME SHALL MORE THAN 1 FOOT OF SEDIMENT BE ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE WITHIN A CATCH BASIN TRAP (OR SUMP). ALL CATCH BASINS AND CONVEYANCE LINES SHALL BE CLEANED PRIOR TO PAVING. THE SEDIMENT CLEANING OPERATION SHALL NOT FLUSH SEDIMENT LADEN WATER INTO THE DOWNSTREAM SYSTEM.

STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE INSTALLED AT THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAINED FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL PAYED AREAS ARE KEPT CLEAN FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.

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#### SILT FENCE NOTES: (BMP C233)

- FILTER FABRIC SHALL BE PURCHASED IN A CONTINUOUS ROLL CUT TO THE LENGTH OF THE BARRIER TO AVOID USE OF JOINTS. WHEN JOINTS ARE NECESSARY, FILTER CLOTH SHALL BE SPLICED TOGETHER ONLY AT A SUPPORT POST, WITH A MINIMUM 6-INCH OVERLAP, AND SECURELY FASTENED AT BOTH ENDS TO POST.
- POSTS SHALL BE SPACED A MAXIMUM OF 6 FEET APART AND DRIVEN SECURELY INTO THE GROUND (MINIMUM OF 12 INCHES).
- A TRENCH SHALL BE EXCAVATED APPROXIMATELY 4 INCHES WIDE AND 4 INCHES DEEP ALONG THE LINE OF POSTS AND UPSLOPE FROM THE BARRIER.
- 4. WHEN STANDARD STRENGTH FILTER FABRIC IS USED, A WIRE MESH SUPPORT FENCE SHALL BE FASTENED SECURELY TO THE UPSLOPE SIDE OF THE POSTS USING HEAVY-DUTY WIRE STAPLES AT LEAST 1 INCH LONG, TIE WIRES OR HOG RINGS. THE WIRE SHALL EXTEND INTO THE TRENCH A MINIMUM OF 4 INCHES AND SHALL NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 24 INCHES ABOVE THE ORIGINAL GROUND SURFACE.
- 5. THE STANDARD STRENGTH FILTER FABRIC SHALL BE STAPLED OR WIRED TO THE FENCE, AND 20 INCHES OF THE FABRIC SHALL BE EXTENDED INTO THE TRENCH. THE FABRIC SHALL NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 24 INCHES ABOVE THE ORIGINAL GROUND SURFACE. FILTER FABRIC SHALL NOT BE STAPLED TO EXISTING TREES.
- 6. WHEN EXTRA-STRENGTH FILTER FABRIC AND CLOSER POST SPACING IS USED, THE WIRE MESH SUPPORT FENCE MAY BE ELIMINATED. IN SUCH A CASE, THE FILTER FABRIC IS STAPLED OR WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE POSTS WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ABOVE NOTES APPLYING.
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  7. FILTER FABRIC FENCES SHALL NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE THE UP SLOPE AREA HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY STABILIZED.
- 8. FILTER FABRIC FENCES SHALL BE INSPECTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH RAINFALL AND AT LEAST DAILY DURING PROLONGED RAINFALL. ANY REQUIRED REPAIRS SHALL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY.
- 9. FILTER FABRIC FENCING TO BE INSTALLED AT A MINIMUM AS SHOWN ON THESE PLANS. ADDITIONAL FILTER FABRIC FENCING TO BE INSTALLED AT ANY LOCATION WHERE RUNOFF COULD LEAVE THE SITE. WITH INSPECTOR APPROVAL, FILTER FABRIC FENCING AND CLEARING LIMITS FENCING MAY E COMBINED BY USING ORANGE FILTER FABRIC FENCING.

#### SCHEDULING NOTES: (BMP C162)

- PROPER SCHEDULING OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REDUCES THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF SOIL EXPOSED TO EROSION FROM WIND, RAIN RUNOFF AND VEHICLE TRACKING.
- . SCHEDULING SHOULD AVOID RAINY PERIOD WHERE POSSIBLE.
- SCHEDULE PROJECTS TO DISTURB SMALL PORTIONS OF THE SITE AT ANY ONE TIME.
- . COMPLETE GRADING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- 5. IMMEDIATELY STABILIZE DISTURBED PORTION BEFORE MOVING ON TO NEXT GRADING PORTION.

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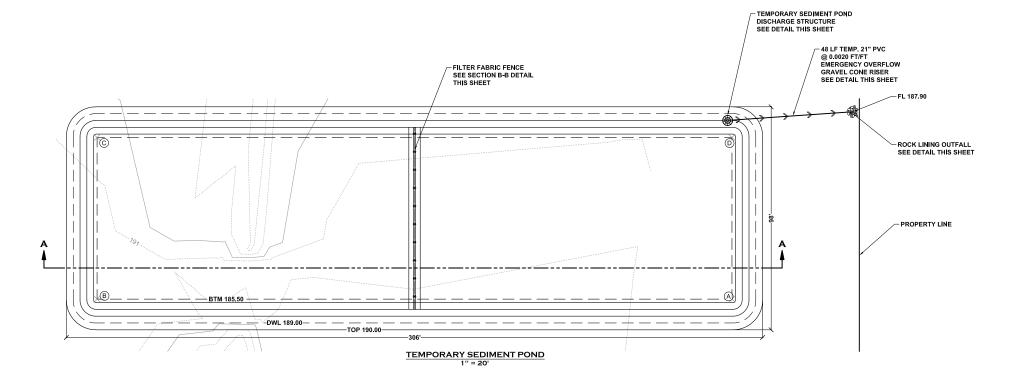
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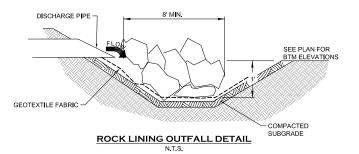
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THE DETAILS ON THIS SHEET WITH AN AGENCY TITLE BLOCK WERE PREPARED BY THE REVIEWING AGENCY AND WERE REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED ON THIS PLAN BY SAID AGENCY. THE DESIGN ENGINEER MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO THE SUITABILITY OR APPROPRIATENESS OF THOSE DETAILS. SOME AGENCY DETAILS ON THIS SHEET MAY HAVE BEEN MOTED TO SUIT DESIGN NEEDS AND HAVE BEEN NOTED AS SUCH.



	POND LAYOUT SCHEDULE					
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В	185.50	607075.38	1035680.23	ANGLE POINT		
С	185.50	607077.81	1035609.27	ANGLE POINT		
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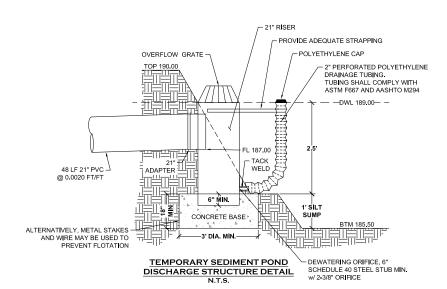
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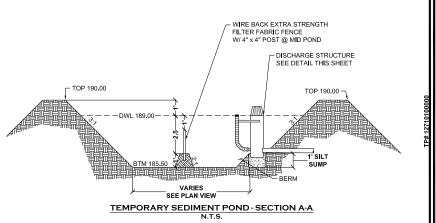
PASSING AN 8" SIEVE PASSING AN 3" SIEVE PASSING AN ¾" SIEVE 100% 40-60% MAX 10% MAX

ARMOR POND A MINIMUM OF 6' IN EACH SIDE OF OUTFALL

#### GEOTEXTILE FABRIC NOTE:

GEOTEXTILE FABRIC USED UNDER ROCK PROTECTION OF OUTFALLS AND OVERFLOW SPILLWAYS SHOWN IN THESE PLANS SHALL BE US FABRICS US160NW OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT.





THIS DRAWING DOES NOT REPRESENT A RECORD DOCUMENT, UNLESS CERTIFIED BY HATTON GODAT PANTIER.

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THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOCATION AND PROTECTION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL UTILITY LOCATIONS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION SY CALLING THE UNDERGROUND LOCATE LINE AT 811 A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION.

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# **B. BMP Details**

#### BMP C103: High Visibility Fence

#### **Purpose**

Fencing is intended to:

- 1. Restrict clearing to approved limits
- 2. Prevent disturbance of sensitive areas, their buffers, and other areas required to be left undisturbed.
- 3. Limit construction traffic to designated construction entrances, exits or internal roads.
- 4. Protect areas where survey tape markers may not provide adequate protection.

#### Conditions of Use

To establish clearing limits plastic, fabric, or metal fence may be used:

- At the boundary of sensitive areas, their buffers, and other areas required to be left uncleared.
- As necessary to control vehicle access to and on the site.

#### Design and Installation Specifications

High visibility plastic fence shall be composed of a high-density polyethylene material and shall be at least 4 feet in height. Posts for the fencing shall be steel or wood and placed every 6 feet on center (maximum) or as needed to ensure rigidity. The fencing shall be fastened to the post every 6 inches with a polyethylene tie. The fence color shall be high visibility orange. The fence tensile strength shall be 360 lbs./ft. using the ASTM D4595 testing method.

If appropriate install fabric silt fence in accordance with BMP C233 to act as high visibility fence. Silt fence shall be at least 3 feet high and must be highly visible to meet the requirements of this BMP.

Metal fences shall be designed and installed according to the manufacturer's specifications. Metal fences shall be at least 3 feet high and must be highly visible.

Fences shall not be wired or stapled to trees.

#### Maintenance Standards

If the fence has been damaged or visibility reduced, it shall be repaired or replaced immediately and visibility restored.

#### BMP C105: Stabilized Construction Entrance / Exit

#### **Purpose**

To reduce the amount of sediment transported onto paved roads by vehicles or equipment by constructing a stabilized pad of quarry spalls at entrances and exits for construction sites.

#### Conditions of Use

Construction entrances shall be stabilized wherever traffic will enter or leave a construction site if paved roads or other paved areas are within 1,000 feet of the site.

For residential construction, such as within a subdivision, provide stabilized construction entrances for each residence, rather than only at the main subdivision entrance. Stabilized surfaces shall be of sufficient length/width to provide vehicle access/parking, based on lot size/configuration.

On large commercial, highway, and road projects, the designer should include enough extra materials in the contract to allow for additional stabilized entrances not shown in the initial Construction SWPPP. It is difficult to determine exactly where access to these projects will take place; additional materials will enable the contractor to install them where needed.

#### Design and Installation Specifications

See Figure 3.2 for details. Note: the 100 foot minimum length of the entrance shall be reduced to the maximum practicable size when the size or configuration of the site does not allow the full length (100 feet).

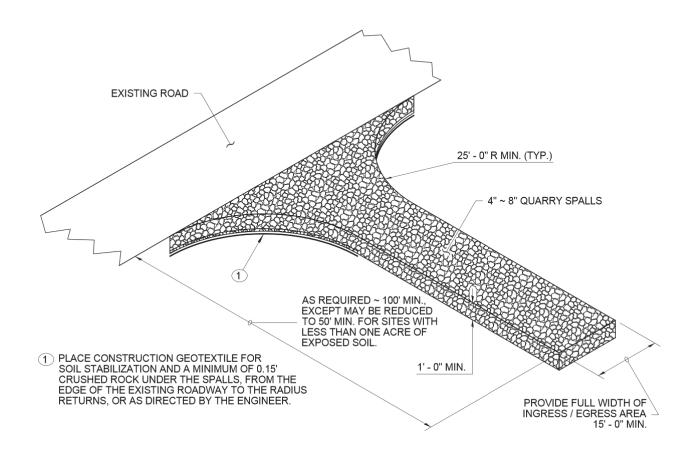


Figure 3.2. Stabilized Construction Entrance. (Drawing courtesy of WSDOT Standard Plans)

Construct stabilized construction entrances with a 12-inch thick pad of 4-inch to 8-inch quarry spalls, a 4-inch course of asphalt treated base (ATB), or use existing pavement. Do not use crushed concrete, cement, or calcium chloride for construction entrance stabilization because these products raise pH levels in stormwater and concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited.

A separation geotextile shall be placed under the spalls to prevent fine sediment from pumping up into the rock pad. The geotextile shall meet the following standards:

- o Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4751): 200 psi min.
- o Grab Tensile Elongation (ASTM D4632): 30% max.

- o Mullen Burst Strength (ASTM D3786-80a): 400 psi min.
- o AOS (ASTM D4751): 20-45 (U.S. standard sieve size).
- Fencing (see BMP C103) shall be installed as necessary to restrict traffic to the construction entrance.
- Whenever possible, the entrance shall be constructed on a firm, compacted subgrade. This can substantially increase the effectiveness of the pad and reduce the need for maintenance.
- Consider early installation of the first lift of asphalt in areas that will be paved; this can be used as a stabilized entrance. Also consider the installation of excess concrete as a stabilized entrance. During large concrete pours, excess concrete is often available for this purpose.
- Construction entrances should avoid crossing existing sidewalks and back of walk drains. If a construction entrance must cross a sidewalk or back of walk drain, the full length of the sidewalk and back of walk drain must be covered and protected from sediment leaving the site.

#### Products Approved as Equivalent

Products approved by Ecology as equivalent to meet the requirements of BMP C105 are acceptable for use in Thurston County. The approved products are available for review on Ecology's website at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html.

#### Maintenance Standards

Quarry spalls shall be added if the pad is no longer in accordance with the specifications.

- A volume of quarry spalls equal to 5% of the surface area X the depth must be kept on site for maintenance purposes.
- If the entrance is not preventing sediment from being tracked onto pavement, then alternative measures to keep the streets free of sediment shall be used. This may include replacement/cleaning of the existing quarry spalls, street sweeping, an increase in the dimensions of the entrance or the installation of a wheel wash.
- Any sediment that is tracked onto pavement shall be removed by shoveling or street sweeping. The sediment collected by sweeping shall be removed or stabilized on site. The pavement shall not be cleaned by washing down the street, except when sweeping is ineffective and there is a threat to public safety. If it is necessary to wash the streets, construct a small sump to contain the wash water if possible. Wash the sediment into the sump where it can be controlled.

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- Perform street sweeping by hand or with a high efficiency sweeper. Do not use a non-high efficiency mechanical sweeper because this creates dust and throws soils into storm systems or conveyance ditches.
- Any quarry spalls loosened from the pad, that end up on the roadway shall be removed immediately.
- If vehicles are entering or exiting the site at points other than the construction entrance(s), fencing (see BMP C103) shall be installed to control traffic.
- Upon project completion and site stabilization, all construction accesses intended as permanent access for maintenance shall be permanently stabilized.

## **BMP C120: Temporary and Permanent Seeding**

## **Purpose**

To reduce erosion by stabilizing exposed soils. A well-established vegetative cover is one of the most effective methods of reducing erosion.

#### Conditions of Use

- Seeding shall be used throughout the project on disturbed areas that have reached final grade or that will remain un-worked for more than 30 days.
- Install channels that will be vegetated before major earthwork and hydroseed them with a bonded fiber matrix. The vegetation should be well established before water is allowed to flow in the ditch. With channels that will have high flows, install erosion control blankets over the hydroseed. If vegetation cannot be established from seed before water is allowed in the ditch, sod shall be installed in the bottom of the ditch over hydromulch and blankets.
- Retention/detention ponds shall be seeded as required.
- Mulch is required at all times for seeding because it protects seeds from heat, moisture loss, and transport due to runoff. Mulch can be applied on top of the seed or simultaneously by hydroseeding. Hydroseed applications shall include a minimum of 1,500 pounds per acre of mulch with 3 percent tackifier, along with the seed and fertilizer. See <a href="BMP C121: Mulching">BMP C121: Mulching</a> for specifications. Tackifier shall be plant-based (such as guar or alpha plantago) or chemical-based (such as polyacrylamide or polymers). Any mulch or tackifier product used shall be installed per manufacturer's instructions.
- All disturbed areas shall be reviewed in late August to early September and all seeding should be completed by the end of September. Otherwise, vegetation will not establish itself enough to provide more than average protection.
- At final site stabilization, all disturbed areas not otherwise vegetated or stabilized shall be seeded and mulched. Final stabilization means the completion of all soil disturbing activities at the site and the establishment of a permanent vegetative cover, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as pavement, riprap, gabions or geotextiles) which will prevent erosion.

### Design and Installation Specifications

Seeding should be done during those seasons most conducive to growth and will vary with the climate conditions of the region. Local experience should be used to determine the appropriate seeding periods.

The optimum seeding windows for western Washington are April 1 through May 15 and September 1 through October 1. Seeding that occurs between June 1 and August 30 requires

irrigation until 75 percent grass cover is established. Seeding that occurs between October 1 and March 30 will require a mulch with straw, hydromulch, or an erosion control blanket until 75 percent grass cover is established.

To prevent seed from being washed away, confirm that all required surface water control measures have been installed. Install channels intended for vegetation before starting major earthwork and hydroseed with a Bonded Fiber Matrix. For vegetated channels that will have high flows, install erosion control blankets over hydroseed. Before allowing water to flow in vegetated channels, establish 75 percent vegetation cover. If vegetated channels cannot be established by seed before water flow; install sod in the channel bottom – over hydromulch and erosion control blankets.

Areas that will have seeding only and not landscaping may need compost or meal-based mulch included in the hydroseed in order to establish vegetation. Re-install native topsoil or use BMP LID.02 - Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth on the disturbed soil surface before application.

## Roughening and Rototilling

- The seedbed should be firm and rough. All soil shall be roughened regardless of slope. If compaction is required for engineering purposes, slopes must be track walked before seeding. Backblading or smoothing of slopes greater than 4:1 is not allowed if they are to be seeded.
- New and more effective restoration-based landscape practices rely on deeper incorporation than that provided by a simple single-pass rototilling treatment. Wherever practical, initially rip the subgrade to improve long-term permeability, infiltration, and water inflow qualities. At a minimum, permanent areas shall use BMP LID.02 Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth to achieve organic matter and permeability performance defined in engineered soil/landscape systems. For systems that are deeper than 8 inches, perform the rototilling process in multiple lifts, or the prepared soil system shall be prepared properly and then placed to achieve the specified depth.

#### **Fertilizers**

- Organic matter is the most appropriate form of "fertilizer" because it provides nutrients (including nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) in the least water-soluble form. A natural system typically releases 2 to 10 percent of its nutrients annually. Chemical fertilizers have since been formulated to simulate what organic matter does naturally.
- In general, 10-4-6 N-P-K (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) fertilizer can be used at a rate of 90 pounds per acre. Slow-release fertilizers should always be used because they are more efficient and have fewer environmental impacts. It is recommended that areas being seeded for final landscaping conduct soil tests to determine the exact type and quantity of fertilizer needed. This will prevent the over-application of fertilizer. Fertilizer should not be added to the hydromulch

machine and agitated more than 20 minutes before it is to be used. If agitated too much, the slow-release coating is destroyed. Do not use fertilizers in areas that have been amended with compost or used BMP LID.02 - Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth.

• There are numerous products available on the market that take the place of chemical fertilizers. These include several with seaweed extracts that are beneficial to soil microbes and organisms. If 100 percent cottonseed meal is used as the mulch in hydroseed, chemical fertilizer may not be necessary. Cottonseed meal is a good source of long-term, slow-release, available nitrogen.

## **Bonded Fiber Matrix and Mechanically Bonded Fiber Matrix**

On steep slopes, use bonded fiber matrix (BFM) or mechanically bonded fiber matrix (MBFM) products. BFM/MBFM products are applied at a minimum rate of 3,000 pounds per acre of mulch with approximately 10 percent tackifier. Application is made so that a minimum of 95 percent soil coverage is achieved. Numerous products are available commercially and should be installed per manufacturer's instructions. Most products require 24 to 36 hours to cure before a rainfall and cannot be installed on wet or saturated soils. Generally, these products come in 40 to 50 pound bags and include all necessary ingredients except for seed and fertilizer.

BFMs and MBFMs have some advantages over blankets, including:

- No surface preparation required
- o Can be installed via helicopter in remote areas
- On slopes steeper than 2.5:1, blanket installers may need to be roped and harnessed for safety
- o BFMs and MBFMs are at least \$1,000 per acre cheaper to install.

In most cases, the shear strength of blankets is not a factor when used on slopes, only when used in channels. BFMs and MBFMs are good alternatives to blankets in most situations where vegetation establishment is the goal.

#### **Seeding and Seed Mixtures**

When installing seed via hydroseeding operations, only about 1/3 of the seed actually ends up in contact with the soil surface. This reduces the ability to establish a good stand of grass quickly. One way to overcome this is to increase seed quantities by up to 50 percent.

Vegetation establishment can also be enhanced by dividing the hydromulch operation into two phases:

- Phase 1 Install all seed and fertilizer with 25 to 30 percent mulch and tackifier onto soil in the first lift;
- Phase 2 Install the rest of the mulch and tackifier over the first lift.

An alternative is to install the mulch, seed, fertilizer, and tackifier in one lift. Then, spread or blow straw over the top of the hydromulch at a rate of about 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre. Hold straw in place with a standard tackifier. Both of these approaches will increase cost moderately but will greatly improve and enhance vegetative establishment. The increased cost may be offset by the reduced need for:

- Irrigation
- o Reapplication of mulch
- Repair of failed slope surfaces.

This technique works with standard hydromulch (1,500 pounds per acre minimum) and BFM/MBFMs (3,000 pounds per acre minimum).

Areas to be permanently landscaped shall provide a healthy topsoil that reduces the need for fertilizers, improves overall topsoil quality, provides for better vegetal health and vitality, improves hydrologic characteristics, and reduces the need for irrigation. This is required for most project and shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of BMP LID.02: Post – Construction Soil Quality and Depth (Volume V of DDECM).

Seed installed as a temporary measure may be installed by hand if it will be covered by straw, mulch, or topsoil. Seed installed as a permanent measure may be installed by hand on small areas (usually less than 1 acre) that will be covered with mulch, topsoil, or erosion blankets.

The seed mixes listed below include recommended mixes for both temporary and permanent seeding. These mixes, with the exception of the wetland mix, shall be applied at a rate of 120 pounds per acre. This rate can be reduced if soil amendments or slow-release fertilizers are used. Consult local suppliers or the Thurston County Conservation District for recommendations because the appropriate mix depends on a variety of factors, including location, exposure, soil type, slope, and expected foot traffic. Alternative seed mixes approved by the County may be used.

• Table 3-2represents the standard mix for those areas where just a temporary vegetative cover is required.

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Chewings or annual blue grass Festuca rubra var. commutata or Poa anna	40	98	90
Perennial rye Lolium perenne	50	98	90
Redtop or colonial bentgrass Agrostis alba or Agrostis tenuis	5	92	85
White dutch clover Trifolium repens	5	98	90

**Table 3-2. Temporary Erosion Control Seed Mix** 

Table 3-3 Provides just one recommended possibility for landscaping seed.

Table 3-3. Landscaping Seed Mix

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Perennial rye blend Lolium perenne	70	98	90
Chewings and red fescue blend Festuca rubra var. commutata or Festuca rubra	30	98	90

• This turf seed mix in Table 3-4 is for dry situations where there is no need for much water. The advantage is that this mix requires very little maintenance.

Table 3-4. Low-Growing Turf Seed Mix

	%	%	%
	Weight	Purity	Germination
Dwarf tall fescue (several varieties) Festuca arundinacea var.	45	98	90
Dwarf perennial rye (Barclay)  Lolium perenne var. barclay	30	98	90
Red fescue Festuca rubra	20	98	90
Colonial bentgrass Agrostis tenuis	5	98	90

• Table 3-5 presents a mix recommended for bioswales and other intermittently wet areas.

Table 3-5. Bioswale Seed Mix<sup>a</sup>

	%	%	%
	Weight	Purity	Germination
Tall or meadow fescue Festuca arundinacea or Festuca elatior	75-80	98	90
Seaside/Creeping bentgrass Agrostis palustris	10-15	92	85
Redtop bentgrass Agrostis alba or Agrostis gigantea	5-10	90	80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Modified Briargreen, Inc. Hydroseeding Guide Wetlands Seed Mix

• The seed mix shown in Table 3-6is a recommended low-growing, relatively non-invasive seed mix appropriate for very wet areas that are not regulated wetlands. Other mixes may be appropriate, depending on the soil type and hydrology of the

area. Recent research suggests that bentgrass (*agrostis* sp.) should be emphasized in wet-area seed mixes. Apply this mixture at a rate of 60 pounds per acre.

Table 3-6. Wet Area Seed Mix

	%	%	%
	Weight	Purity	Germination
Tall or meadow fescue Festuca arundinacea or Festuca elatior	60-70	98	90
Seaside/Creeping bentgrass Agrostis palustris	10-15	98	85
Meadow foxtail Alepocurus pratensis	10-15	90	80
Alsike clover Trifolium hybridum	1-6	98	90
Redtop bentgrass Agrostis alba	1-6	92	85

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Modified Briargreen, Inc. Hydroseeding Guide Wetlands Seed Mix

The meadow seed mix in Table 3-7 is recommended for areas that will be maintained infrequently or not at all and where native plant colonization is desired. Likely applications include rural road and utility right-of-way. Seeding should take place in September or very early October in order to obtain adequate establishment prior to the winter months. The appropriateness of clover in the mix may need to be considered, as this can be a fairly invasive species. If the soil is amended, the addition of clover may not be necessary.

Table 3-7. Meadow Seed Mix

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Redtop or Oregon bentgrass Agrostis alba or Agrostis oregonensis	20	92	85
Red fescue Festuca rubra	70	98	90
White dutch clover Trifolium repens	10	98	90

#### Maintenance Standards

- Reseed any seeded areas that fail to establish at least 80 percent cover (100 percent cover for areas that receive sheet or concentrated flows).
- If reseeding is ineffective, an alternate method, such as sodding, mulching, or nets/blankets shall be used.

- If winter weather prevents adequate grass growth, time limits may be relaxed at the discretion of the County when sensitive areas would otherwise be protected.
- After adequate cover is achieved, any areas that experience erosion shall be reseeded and protected by mulch. If the erosion problem is drainage related, the problem shall be fixed and the eroded area reseeded and protected by mulch.
- Supply seeded areas with adequate moisture, but do not water to the extent that it causes runoff.

## Products Approved as Equivalent

Products approved by Ecology as equivalent to meet the requirements of BMP C120 are acceptable for use in Thurston County. The approved products are available for review on Ecology's website at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html.

## **BMP C121: Mulching**

## **Purpose**

To provide immediate temporary protection from erosion. Mulch also enhances plant establishment by conserving moisture and holding fertilizer, seed, and topsoil in place, and moderating soil temperatures. There is an enormous variety of mulches, but only the most common types are discussed in this section.

#### Conditions of Use

As a temporary cover measure, use mulch:

- On disturbed areas that require cover measures for less than 30 days.
- At all times for seeded areas, especially during the wet season and hot summer months.
- During the wet season on slopes steeper than 3H:1V with more than 10 feet of vertical relief.

Mulch may be applied at any time of the year and must be refreshed periodically.

For seeded areas mulch may be made up of 100 percent: cottonseed meal; fibers made from wood, recycled cellulose, hemp, kenaf; compost; or blends of these. Tackifier shall be plant-based, such a guar or alpha plantago, or chemical-based such as polyacrylamide or polymers. Any mulch or tackifier product used shall be installed per manufacturer's instructions. Generally, mulches come in 40-50 pound bags. Seed and fertilizer are added at time of application.

#### Design and Installation Specifications

For mulch materials, application rates, and specifications, see Table 3-8. Always use a 2-inch minimum mulch thickness; increase the thickness until the ground is 95% covered (i.e. not visible under the mulch layer). Note: Thicknesses may be increased for disturbed areas in or near sensitive areas or other areas highly susceptible to erosion.

Mulch used within the ordinary high-water mark of surface waters should be selected to minimize potential flotation of organic matter. Composted organic materials have higher specific gravities (densities) than straw, wood, or chipped material. Consult with WDFW as part of the Hydraulic Project Approval for mulch mixes allowed, if applicable.

Where the option of "Compost" is selected, it should be a coarse compost that meets the following size gradations when tested in accordance with the U.S. Composting Council "Test Methods for the Examination of Compost and Composting" (TMECC) Test Method 02.02-B.

Coarse Compost

Minimum Percent passing 3" sieve openings 100%

Minimum Percent passing 1" sieve openings 90%

Minimum Percent passing 3/4" sieve openings 70%

Minimum Percent passing 1/4" sieve openings 40%

#### Maintenance Standards

- The thickness of the cover must be maintained.
- Any areas that experience erosion shall be re-mulched and/or protected with a net or blanket. If the erosion problem is drainage related, then the problem shall be fixed and the eroded area re-mulched.

Table 3-8. Mulch Standards and Guidelines

Mulch Material	Quality Standards	Application Rates	Remarks
Straw	Air-dried; free from undesirable seed and coarse material.	2 to 3 inches thick; 5 bales per 1,000 sf or 2 to 3 tons per acre	Cost-effective when applied with adequate thickness. Hand-application requires greater thickness than blown straw. Straw thickness may be reduced by half when used in conjunction with seeding. In windy areas, straw must be held in place by crimping, using a tackifier, or covering with netting. Blown straw always has to be held in place with a tackifier since light winds will blow it away. Straw, however, has several deficiencies to consider when selecting mulch materials. It often introduces and/or encourages the propagation of weed species and has no significant long-term benefits. Use straw only if mulches with long-term benefits are unavailable. It also shall not be used within the ordinary high-water elevation of surface waters (due to flotation).
Hydromulch	No growth inhibiting factors.	Approx. 25-30 lbs per 1,000 sf or 1,500-2,000 lbs per acre	Shall be applied with hydromulcher. Shall not be used without seed and tackifier unless the application rate is at least doubled. Fibers longer than about 3/4 to 1 inch clog hydromulch equipment. Keep fibers to less than 3/4 inch.
Composted Mulch and Compost	No visible water or dust during handling. Must be purchased from supplier with Solid Waste Handling Permit (unless exempt) and produced in accordance with WAC 173-350.	2-in thick min.; approx. 100 tons per acre (approx. 800 lbs per yard)	Increase thickness to 3 inches to improve effectiveness. Excellent mulch for protecting final grades until landscaping, because it can be directly seeded or tilled into soil as an amendment. Composted mulch has a coarser size gradation than compost. It is more stable and practical to use in wet areas and during rainy weather conditions. Do not use composted mulch near wetlands or near phosphorous impaired water bodies.
Chipped Site Vegetation	Average size shall be several inches. Gradations from fines to 6 inches in length for texture, variation, and interlocking properties.	2-in thick min.	A cost-effective way to dispose of debris from clearing and grubbing, and eliminates problems associated with burning. Should not be used on slopes above about 10 percent because of its tendency to be transported by runoff. Not recommended within 200 feet of surface waters. If seeding is expected shortly after mulch, the decomposition of the chipped vegetation may tie up nutrients important to grass establishment.
Wood-based Mulch or Wood Straw	No visible water or dust during handling. Must be purchased from a supplier with a Solid Waste Handling Permit or one exempt from solid waste regulations.	2-in. thick min.; approx. 100 tons per acre (approx. 800 lbs. per cubic yard)	Often called "hog or hogged fuel." The use of mulch ultimately improves the organic matter in the soil. Special caution is advised regarding the source and composition of wood-based mulches. Its preparation typically does not provide any weed seed control, so evidence of residual vegetation in its composition or known inclusion of weed plants or seeds should be monitored and prevented (or minimized).

Mulch Material	Quality Standards	Application Rates	Remarks
Wood Strand Mulch	A blend of loose, long, thin wood pieces derived from native conifer or deciduous trees with high length-to-width ratio.	2-in. thick min.	Cost-effective protection when applied with adequate thickness. A minimum of 95-percent of the wood strand shall have lengths between 2 and 10 inches, with a width and thickness between 1/16 and 3/8-inches. The mulch shall not contain resin, tannin, or other compounds in quantities that would be detrimental to plant life. Sawdust or wood shavings shall not be used as mulch. (WSDOT specification 9-14.4(4))

#### Maintenance Standards

All materials with the exception of the quarry spalls, steel "T" posts, and gravel should be kept covered and out of both sun and rain. Re-stock materials used as needed.

## **BMP C151: Concrete Handling**

#### **Purpose**

To minimize and eliminate concrete, concrete process water and concrete slurry from entering waters of the state.

#### Conditions of Use

Any time concrete is used; these management practices shall be utilized, since concrete work can generate process water and slurry that contain fine particles and high pH, both of which can violate water quality standards in the receiving water. Concrete spillage or concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited.

Concrete construction projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- o Curbs
- Sidewalks
- Roads
- Bridges
- Foundations
- Floors
- o Runways.

#### Design and Installation Specifications

- Concrete truck chutes, pumps, and internals shall be washed out only into formed areas awaiting installation of concrete. Assure that washout of concrete trucks is performed off-site or in designated concrete washout areas. Do not wash out concrete trucks onto the ground, or into storm drains, open ditches, streets, or streams. Refer to BMP C154 for information on concrete washout areas.
- Unused concrete remaining in the truck and pump shall be returned to the originating batch plant for recycling, as feasible. Do not dump excess concrete on site, except in designated concrete washout areas.
- Hand tools including, but not limited to, screeds, shovels, rakes, floats, and trowels shall be washed off only into formed areas awaiting installation of concrete.

- Equipment that cannot be easily moved, such as concrete pavers, shall only be washed in areas that do not directly drain to natural or constructed stormwater conveyances.
- Do not allow washdown from areas such as concrete aggregate driveways to drain directly to natural or constructed stormwater conveyances.
- When no formed areas are available, contain washwater and leftover product in a lined container. Lining shall be a minimum of 10-mil polyethylene sheeting and shall be free of holes, tears, or other defects that compromise the impermeability of the material. Dispose contained concrete in a manner that does not violate groundwater or surface water quality standards.
- Always use forms or solid barriers for concrete pours, such as pilings, within 15-feet of surface waters.
- Refer to BMPs C252 and C253 for pH adjustment requirements.
- If the project is subject to a Construction Stormwater General Permit, or if required by the Administrator, pH monitoring may be required if the project involves one of the following activities:
  - O Significant concrete work (greater than 1,000 cubic yards poured concrete or recycled concrete used over the life of a project).
  - The use of engineered soils amended with (but not limited to) Portland cement-treated base, cement kiln dust or fly ash.
  - O Discharging stormwater to segments of water bodies on the 303(d) list (Category 5) for high pH.

### Maintenance Standards

Check containers for holes in the liner daily during concrete pours and repaired the same day.

#### BMP C160: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead

#### **Purpose**

To ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal erosion and sediment control and water quality requirements by designating at least one person as the responsible representative in charge of erosion and sediment control (ESC), and water quality protection. The designated person shall be the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL).

#### Conditions of Use

A CESCL shall be made available on projects disturbing ground 1 acre or larger and that discharge stormwater to surface waters of the state. Sites less than one acre may have a person without CESCL certification conduct inspections; sampling is not required on sites that disturb less than an acre.

#### The CESCL shall:

Have a current certificate proving attendance in an erosion and sediment control training course that meets the minimum ESC training and certification requirements established by Ecology (see Ecology's 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington for details).

Ecology will maintain a list of ESC training and certification providers at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/cescl.html.

#### OR

• Be a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC); for additional information go to: www.cpesc.net.

## **Specifications**

- Certification shall remain valid for 3 years.
- The CESCL shall have authority to act on behalf of the contractor or developer and shall be available, or on call, 24 hours per day throughout the period of construction.
- The Construction SWPPP shall include the name, telephone number, fax number, and address of the designated CESCL.
- A CESCL may provide inspection and compliance services for multiple construction projects in the same geographic region.

Duties and responsibilities of the CESCL shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Maintaining permit file on site at all times which includes the SWPPP and any associated permits and plans.
- Directing BMP installation, inspection, maintenance, modification, and removal.
- Updating all project drawings and the Construction SWPPP with changes made.
- Completing any sampling requirements including reporting results.
- Keeping daily logs, and inspection reports. Inspection reports shall include:
  - a. Inspection date/time.
  - b. Weather information; general conditions during inspection and approximate amount of precipitation since the last inspection.
  - c. A summary or list of all BMPs implemented, including observations of all erosion/sediment control structures or practices. The following shall be noted:
    - Locations of BMPs inspected
    - Locations of BMPs that need maintenance
    - Locations of BMPs that failed to operate as designed or intended
    - Locations of where additional or different BMPs are required.
  - d. Visual monitoring results, including a description of discharged stormwater. The presence of suspended sediment, turbid water, discoloration, and oil sheen shall be noted, as applicable.
  - e. Any water quality monitoring performed during inspection.
  - f. General comments and notes, including a brief description of any BMP repairs, maintenance or installations made as a result of the inspection.
- Facilitate, participate in, and take corrective actions resulting from inspections performed by outside agencies or the owner.

## BMP C162: Scheduling

## **Purpose**

To reduce the amount and duration of soil exposed to erosion by wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking by sequencing a construction project.

#### Conditions of Use

The construction sequence schedule is an orderly listing of all major land-disturbing activities together with the necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures planned for the project. This type of schedule guides the contractor on work to be done before other work is started so that serious erosion and sedimentation problems can be avoided.

Following a specified work schedule that coordinates the timing of land-disturbing activities and the installation of control measures is perhaps the most cost-effective way of controlling erosion during construction. The removal of surface ground cover leaves a site vulnerable to accelerated erosion. Construction procedures that limit land clearing, provide timely installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, and restore protective cover quickly can significantly reduce the erosion potential of a site.

## Design Considerations

- Avoid construction during rainy periods.
- Schedule projects to disturb only small portions of the site at any one time.
- Complete grading as soon as possible.
- Immediately stabilize the disturbed portion before grading the next portion.
- Practice staged seeding in order to revegetate cut and fill slopes as the work progresses.





#### **Purpose**

Inlet protection prevents coarse sediment from entering drainage systems prior to permanent stabilization of a disturbed area.

#### Conditions of Use

Use this BMP where storm drain inlets are to be made operational before permanent stabilization of the disturbed drainage area. Provide protection for all storm drain inlets downslope and within 500 feet of a disturbed or construction area, unless the runoff that enters the catch basin will be conveyed to a sediment pond or trap. Inlet protection may be used anywhere to protect the drainage system. It is likely that the drainage system will still require cleaning.

Also consider inlet protection for lawn and yard drains on new home construction. These small and numerous drains coupled with lack of gutters in new home construction can add significant amounts of sediment into the roof drain system. If possible delay installing lawn and yard drains until just before landscaping or cap these drains to prevent sediment from entering the system until completion of landscaping. Provide 18-inches of sod around each finished lawn and yard drain.

Table 3-14lists several options for inlet protection. All of the methods for storm drain inlet protection are prone to plugging and require a high frequency of maintenance. Limit drainage areas to 1 acre or less. Emergency overflows may be required where stormwater ponding would cause a hazard. If an emergency overflow is provided, additional end-of-pipe treatment may be required.

**Table 3-14. Storm Drain Inlet Protection** 

Type of Inlet Protection	Emergency Overflow	Applicable for Paved/Earthen Surfaces	Conditions of Use
<b>Drop Inlet Protection</b>			
Excavated drop inlet protection	Yes, temporary flooding will occur	Earthen	Applicable for heavy flows. Easy to maintain. Large Area Requirement: 30' X 30'/acre.
Block and gravel drop inlet protection	Yes	Paved or Earthen	Applicable for heavy concentrated flows. Will not pond.
Gravel and wire drop inlet protection	No		Applicable for heavy concentrated flows. Will pond. Can withstand traffic.
Catch basin filters	Yes	Paved or Earthen	Frequent maintenance required.
<b>Curb Inlet Protection</b>			
Curb inlet protection with a wooden weir	Small capacity overflow	Paved	Used for sturdy, more compact installation.
Block and gravel curb inlet protection	Yes	Paved	Sturdy, but limited filtration.
<b>Culvert Inlet Protection</b>			
Culvert inlet sediment trap			18 month expected life.

## Design and Installation Specifications

Excavated Drop Inlet Protection – An excavated impoundment around the storm drain. Sediment settles out of the stormwater prior to entering the storm drain.

- Depth 1 to 2 feet as measured from the crest of the inlet structure.
- Side Slopes of excavation no steeper than 2H:1V.
- Minimum volume of excavation 35 cubic yards.
- Shape basin to fit site with longest dimension oriented toward the longest inflow area.
- Install provisions for draining to prevent standing water problems.
- Clear the area of all debris.
- Grade the approach to the inlet uniformly.
- Drill weep holes into the side of the inlet.
- Protect weep holes with screen wire and washed aggregate.
- Seal weep holes when removing structure and stabilizing area.

• It may be necessary to build a temporary dike to the down slope side of the structure to prevent bypass flow.

Block and Gravel Drop Inlet Protection – A barrier formed around the storm drain inlet with standard concrete blocks and gravel. See Figure 3-16.

- Provide a height of 1 to 2 feet above inlet.
- Recess the first row 2-inches into the ground for stability.
- Support subsequent courses by placing a 2x4 through the block opening.
- Do not use mortar
- Lay some blocks in the bottom row on their side for dewatering the pool.
- Place hardware cloth or comparable wire mesh with ½-inch openings over all block openings.
- Place gravel just below the top of blocks on slopes of 2H:1V or flatter.
- An alternative design is a gravel donut.
- Provide an inlet slope of 3H:1V.
- Provide an outlet slope of 2H:1V.
- Provide a 1-foot wide level stone area between the structure and the inlet.
- Use inlet slope stones 3 inches in diameter or larger.
- Use gravel  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch at a minimum thickness of 1-foot for the outlet slope.

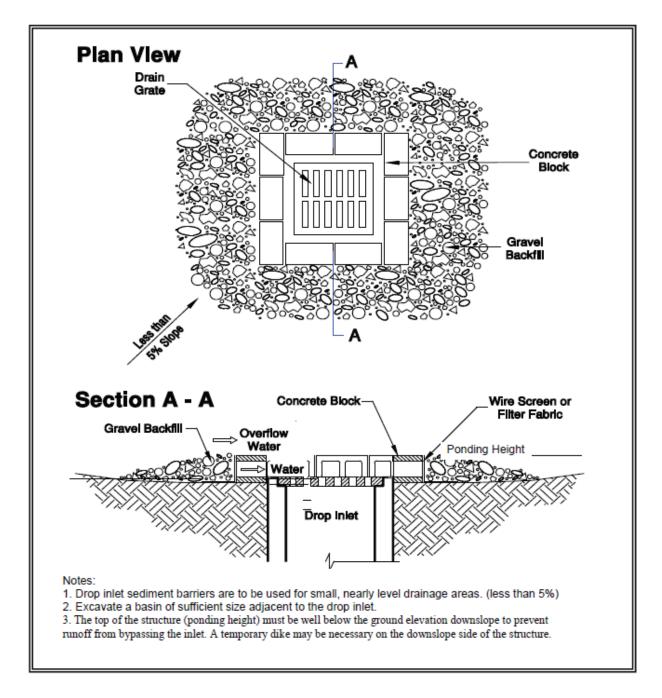


Figure 3-16. Block and Gravel Filter

*Gravel and Wire Mesh Filter-* A gravel barrier placed over the top of the inlet. This structure does not provide an overflow.

- Use a hardware cloth or comparable wire mesh with ½-inch openings.
- Use course aggregate.

- Place wire mesh over the drop inlet so that the wire extends a minimum of 1-foot beyond each side of the inlet structure.
- Overlap the strips if more than one strip of mesh is necessary.
- Place course aggregate over the wire mesh.
- Provide at least a 12-inch depth of coarse aggregate over the entire inlet opening and extend at least 18-inches on all sides.

Catchbasin Filters – Use inserts designed by manufacturers for construction sites. The limited sediment storage capacity increases the amount of inspection and maintenance required, which may be daily for heavy sediment loads. To reduce maintenance requirements combine a catchbasin filter with another type of inlet protection. This type of inlet protection provides flow bypass without overflow and therefore may be a better method for inlets located along active rights-of-way.

- Provides 5 cubic feet of storage.
- Requires dewatering provisions.
- Provides a high-flow bypass that will not clog under normal use at a construction site.
- Insert the catchbasin filter in the catchbasin just below the grating.

Curb Inlet Protection with Wooden Weir – Barrier formed around a curb inlet with a wooden frame and gravel.

- Wire mesh with 1/2-inch openings.
- Extra strength filter cloth.
- Construct a frame.
- Attach the wire and filter fabric to the frame.
- Pile coarse washed aggregate against wire/fabric.
- Place weight on frame anchors.
- See Figure 3-17

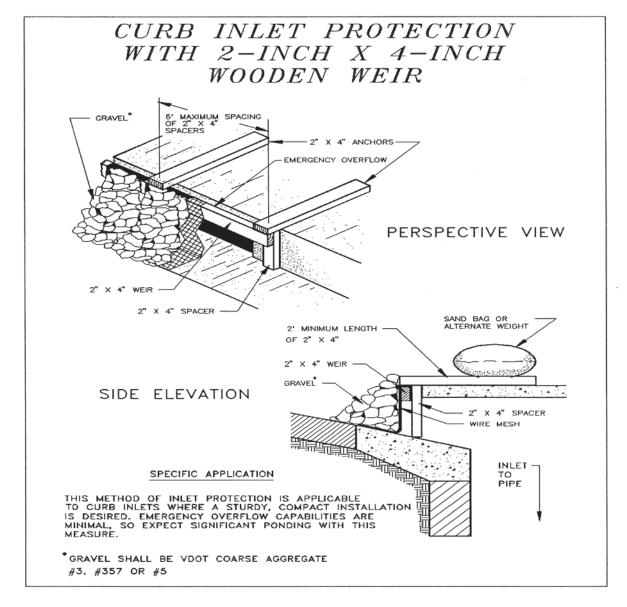


Figure 3-17. Curb Inlet with Wooden Weir

(Figure courtesy of Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control)

*Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection* – Barrier formed around a curb inlet with concrete blocks and gravel. See Figure 3-18.

- Use wire mesh with ½-inch openings.
- Place two concrete blocks on their sides abutting the curb at either side of the inlet opening. These are spacer blocks.
- Place a 2x4 stud through the outer holes of each spacer block to align the front blocks.

- Place blocks on their sides across the front of the inlet and abutting the spacer blocks.
- Place wire mesh over the outside vertical face.
- Pile course aggregate against the wire to the top of the barrier.

Curb and Gutter Sediment Barrier – Sandbag or rock berm (riprap and aggregate) 3 feet high and 3 feet wide in a horseshoe shape. See Figure 3-19.

- Construct a horseshoe shaped berm, faced with coarse aggregate if using riprap, 3 feet high and 3 feet wide, at least 2 feet from the inlet.
- Construct a horseshoe shaped sedimentation trap on the outside of the berm sized to sediment trap standards for protecting a culvert inlet.

#### Maintenance Standards

- Inspect catch basin filters frequently, especially after storm events. If the insert becomes clogged, it should be cleaned or replaced.
- For systems using stone filters: If the stone filter becomes clogged with sediment, the stones must be pulled away from the inlet and cleaned or replaced. Since cleaning of gravel at a construction site may be difficult, an alternative approach would be to use the clogged stone as fill and put fresh stone around the inlet.
- Do not wash sediment into storm drains while cleaning. Spread all excavated
  material evenly over the surrounding land area or stockpile and stabilize as
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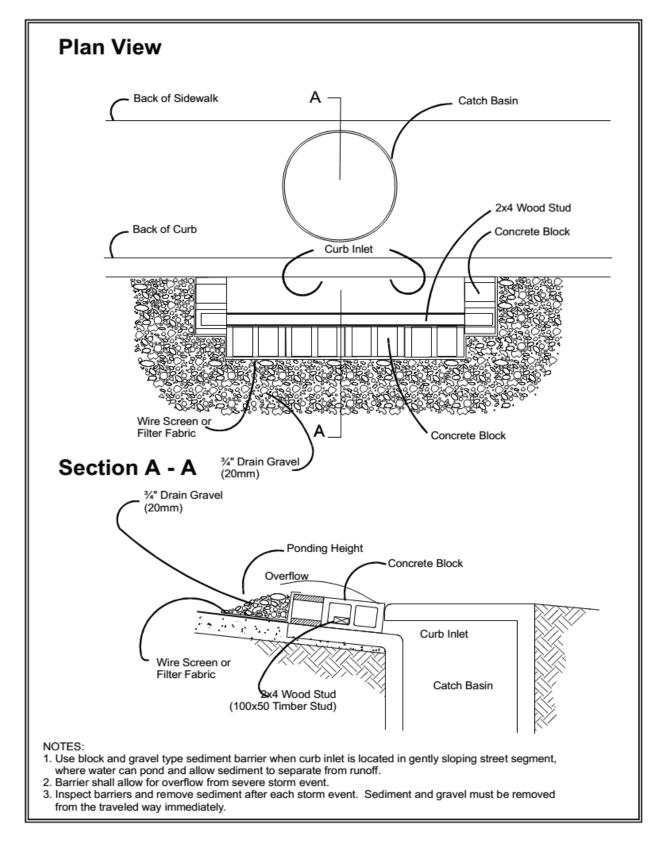


Figure 3-18. Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection

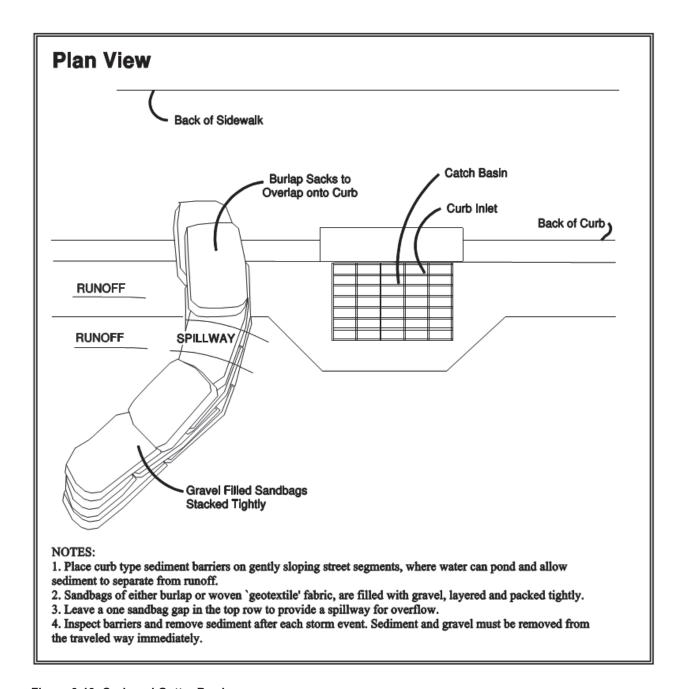


Figure 3-19. Curb and Gutter Barrier

#### BMP C233: Silt Fence

## **Purpose**

To reduce the transport of coarse sediment from a construction site by providing a temporary physical barrier to sediment and reducing the runoff velocities of overland flow. See Figure 3-21 for details on silt fence construction.

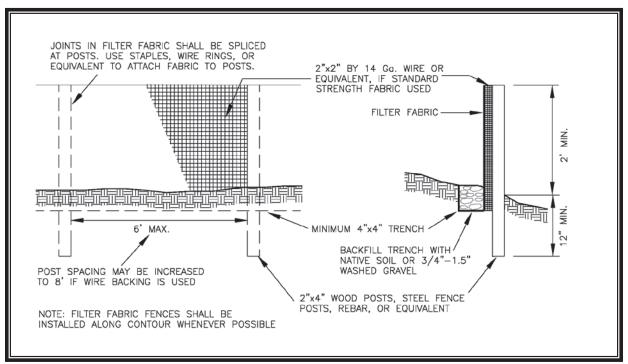


Figure 3.21 Silt Fence

- Silt fence may be used downslope of all disturbed areas.
- Silt fence shall prevent soil carried by runoff water from going beneath, through, or over the top of the silt fence, but shall allow the water to pass through the fence.
- Silt fence is not intended to treat concentrated flows, nor is it intended to treat substantial amounts of overland flow. Convey any concentrated flows through the drainage system to a sediment pond.
- Silt fences should not be constructed in streams or use in V-shaped ditches. They are not an adequate method of silt control for anything deeper than sheet or overland flow.

#### Design and Installation Specifications

• Use in combination with sediment basins or other BMPs.

- Maximum slope steepness (normal (perpendicular) to fence line) 1H:1V.
- Maximum sheet or overland flow path length to the fence of 100 feet.
- No flows greater than 0.5 cfs.
- The geotextile used for filter fabric shall meet the following standards. All geotextile properties listed below are minimum average roll values (i.e., the test result for any sampled roll in a lot shall meet or exceed the values shown in Table 3-15):

Table 3-15. Geotextile Standards

Polymeric Mesh AOS (ASTM D4751)	0.60 mm maximum for slit film wovens (#30 sieve). 0.30 mm maximum for all other geotextile types (#50 sieve). 0.15 mm minimum for all fabric types (#100 sieve).
Water Permittivity (ASTM D4491)	0.02 sec <sup>-1</sup> minimum
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4632)	180 lbs. Minimum for extra strength fabric. 100 lbs minimum for standard strength fabric.
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4632)	30% maximum
Ultraviolet Resistance (ASTM D4355)	70% minimum

- Support standard strength fabrics with wire mesh, chicken wire, 2-inch x 2-inch wire, safety fence, or jute mesh to increase the strength of the fabric. Silt fence materials are available that have synthetic mesh backing attached.
- Filter fabric material shall contain ultraviolet ray inhibitors and stabilizers to provide a minimum of six months of expected usable construction life at a temperature range of 0°F. to 120°F.
- 100 percent biodegradable silt fence is available that is strong, long lasting, and can be left in place after the project is completed..
- Include the following Standard Notes for silt fence on construction plans and specifications. Refer to Figure 3.16 for standard silt fence details.
  - 1. The contractor shall install and maintain temporary silt fences at the locations shown in the Plans.
  - 2. Silt fences shall be constructed in the areas of clearing, grading, or drainage prior to starting those activities.
  - 3. The silt fence shall prevent soil carried by runoff water from going beneath, through, or over the top of the silt fence, but shall allow the water to pass through the fence.

- 4. The minimum height of the top of silt fence shall be 2 feet and the maximum height shall be 2-1/2 feet above the original ground surface.
- 5. The geotextile shall be sewn together at the point of manufacture, or at an approved location as determined by the Engineer, to form geotextile lengths as required. All sewn seams shall be located at a support post. Alternatively, two sections of silt fence can be overlapped, provided the Contractor can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, that the overlap is long enough and that the adjacent fence sections are close enough together to prevent silt laden water from escaping through the fence at the overlap.
- 6. The geotextile shall be attached on the up-slope side of the posts and support system with staples, wire, or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The geotextile shall be attached to the posts in a manner that reduces the potential for geotextile tearing at the staples, wire, or other connection device.
- 7. Silt fence back-up support for the geotextile in the form of a wire or plastic mesh is dependent on the properties of the geotextile selected for use. If wire or plastic back-up mesh is used, the mesh shall be fastened securely to the up-slope side of the posts with the geotextile being up-slope of the mesh back-up support.
- 8. Mesh support, if used, shall consist of steel wire with a maximum mesh spacing of 2-inches, or a prefabricated polymeric mesh. The strength of the wire or polymeric mesh shall be equivalent to or greater than 180 lbs. grab tensile strength. The polymeric mesh must be as resistant to the same level of ultraviolet radiation as the filter fabric it supports.
- 9. The geotextile at the bottom of the fence shall be buried in a trench to a minimum depth of 4 inches below the ground surface. The trench shall be backfilled and the soil tamped in place over the buried portion of the geotextile, such that no flow can pass beneath the fence and scouring cannot occur. When wire or polymeric back-up support mesh is used, the wire or polymeric mesh shall extend into the trench a minimum of 3 inches.
- 10. Drive or place the fence posts a minimum of 18 inches into the ground. A minimum depth of 12 inches is allowed if topsoil or other soft subgrade soil is not present and a minimum depth of 18 inches cannot be reached. Fence post depths shall be increased by 6 inches if the fence is located on slopes of 3H:1V or steeper and the slope is perpendicular to the fence. If required post depths cannot be obtained, the posts shall be adequately secured by bracing or guying to prevent overturning of the fence due to sediment loading.

- 11. Silt fences shall be located on contour as much as possible, except at the ends of the fence, where the fence shall be turned uphill such that the silt fence captures the runoff water and prevents water from flowing around the end of the fence.
- 12. If the fence must cross contours, with the exception of the ends of the fence, gravel check dams placed perpendicular to the back of the fence shall be used to minimize concentrated flow and erosion along the back of the fence.
- The gravel check dams shall be approximately 1 foot deep at the back of the fence. It shall be continued perpendicular to the fence at the same elevation until the top of the check dam intercepts the ground surface behind the fence.
- The gravel check dams shall consist of crushed surfacing base course, gravel backfill for walls, or shoulder ballast. The gravel check dams shall be located every 10 feet along the fence where the fence must cross contours.
- The slope of the fence line where contours must be crossed shall not be steeper than 3:1.
  - 13. Wood, steel or equivalent posts shall be used. The spacing of the support posts shall be a maximum of 6-feet. Posts shall consist of either:
- Wood posts with minimum dimensions of 2 inches by 2 inches and 3 feet minimum length. Wood posts shall be free of defects such as knots, splits, or gouges.
- No. 6 rebar or larger.
- ASTM A 120 steel pipe with a minimum diameter of 1 inch.
- U, T, L, or C shape steel posts with a minimum weight of 1.35 lbs./ft.
  - 14. Other steel posts having equivalent strength and bending resistance to the post sizes listed. Fence back-up support, if used, shall consist of steel wire with a maximum mesh spacing of 2 inches, or a prefabricated polymeric mesh. The strength of the wire or polymeric mesh shall be equivalent to or greater than 180 lbs. grab tensile strength. The polymeric mesh must be as resistant to ultraviolet radiation as the geotextile it supports.
  - Silt fence installation using the slicing method specification details follow. Refer to Figure 3-22 for slicing method details.
  - 1. The base of both end posts must be at least 2 to 4 inches above the top of the silt fence fabric on the middle posts for ditch checks to drain properly. Use a hand level or string level, if necessary, to mark base points before installation.

- 2. Install posts 3 to 4 feet apart in critical retention areas and 6 to 7 feet apart in standard applications.
- 3. Install posts 24 inches deep on the downstream side of the silt fence, and as close as possible to the fabric, enabling posts to support the fabric from upstream water pressure.
- 4. Install posts with the nipples facing away from the silt fence fabric.
- 5. Attach the filter fabric to each post with three ties, all spaced within the top 8 inches of the fabric. Attach each tie diagonally 45 degrees through the fabric, with each puncture at least 1 inch vertically apart. In addition, position each tie to hang on a post nipple when tightening to prevent sagging.
- 6. Wrap approximately 6 inches of fabric around the end posts and secure with three ties.
- 7. No more than 24 inches of a 36-inch fabric is allowed above ground level.
- The installation should be checked and corrected for any deviation before compaction. Use a flat-bladed shovel to tuck fabric deeper into the ground if necessary.
- Compaction is vitally important for effective results. Compact the soil immediately next to the silt fence fabric with the front wheel of the tractor, skid steer, or roller exerting at least 60 pounds per square inch. Compact the upstream side first and then each side twice for a total of four trips.

#### Maintenance Standards

- Any damage shall be repaired immediately.
- If concentrated flows are evident uphill of the fence, they must be intercepted and conveyed to a sediment pond.
- It is important to check the uphill side of the fence for signs of the fence clogging and acting as a barrier to flow and then causing channelization of flows parallel to the fence. If this occurs, replace the fence or remove the trapped sediment.
- Sediment deposits shall either be removed when the deposit reaches approximately one-third the height of the silt fence, or a second silt fence shall be installed.
- If the filter fabric (geotextile) has deteriorated due to ultraviolet breakdown, it shall be replaced.

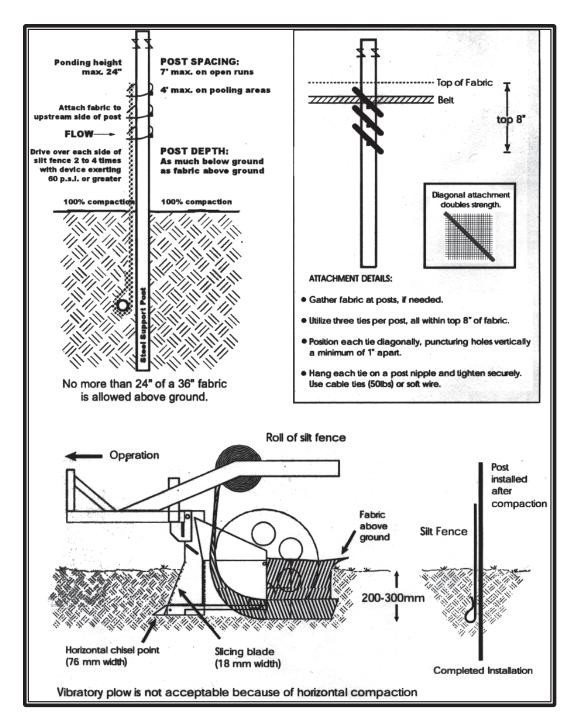


Figure 3-22 - Silt Fence Installation by Slicing Method

# C. Site Inspection Form

## **Site Inspection Form**

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# D. Correspondence

### E. CSWGP

Issuance Date: November 18, 2020 Effective Date: January 1, 2021 Expiration Date: December 31, 2025

# CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Olympia, Washington 98504

In compliance with the provisions of
Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington
(State of Washington Water Pollution Control Act)
and
Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 et seq.
The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (The Clean Water Act)

Until this permit expires, is modified, or revoked, Permittees that have properly obtained coverage under this general permit are authorized to discharge in accordance with the special and general conditions that follow.

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Water Quality Program Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology

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#### **SUMMARY OF PERMIT REPORT SUBMITTALS**

Refer to the Special and General Conditions within this permit for additional submittal requirements. Appendix A provides a list of definitions. Appendix B provides a list of acronyms.

Table 1 Summary of Required Submittals

Permit Section	Submittal	Frequency	First Submittal Date
<u>S5.A</u> and <u>S8</u>	High Turbidity/Transparency Phone Reporting	As Necessary	Within 24 hours
<u>S5.B</u>	Discharge Monitoring Report	Monthly*	Within 15 days following the end of each month
<u>S5.F</u> and <u>S8</u>	Noncompliance Notification – Telephone Notification	As necessary	Within 24 hours
<u>S5.F</u>	Noncompliance Notification – Written Report	As necessary	Within 5 Days of non-compliance
<u>\$9.D</u>	Request for Chemical Treatment Form	As necessary	Written approval from Ecology is required prior to using chemical treatment (with the exception of dry ice, CO <sub>2</sub> or food grade vinegar to adjust pH)
<u>G2</u>	Notice of Change in Authorization	As necessary	
<u>G6</u>	Permit Application for Substantive Changes to the Discharge	As necessary	
<u>G8</u>	Application for Permit Renewal	1/permit cycle	No later than 180 days before expiration
<u>\$2.A</u>	Notice of Permit Transfer	As necessary	
<u>G19</u>	Notice of Planned Changes	As necessary	
<u>G21</u>	Reporting Anticipated Non-compliance	As necessary	

**NOTE:** \*Permittees must submit electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) to the Washington State Department of Ecology monthly, regardless of site discharge, for the full duration of permit coverage. Refer to Section S5.B of this General Permit for more specific information regarding DMRs.

Table 2 Summary of Required On-site Documentation

Document Title	Permit Conditions
Permit Coverage Letter	See Conditions S2, S5
Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSWGP)	See Conditions S2, S5
Site Log Book	See Conditions S4, S5
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)	See Conditions S5, S9
Site Map	See Conditions S5, S9

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

#### S1. PERMIT COVERAGE

#### A. Permit Area

This Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSWGP) covers all areas of Washington State, except for federal operators and Indian Country as specified in Special Condition S1.E.3 and 4.

#### B. Operators Required to Seek Coverage Under this General Permit

- Operators of the following construction activities are required to seek coverage under this CSWGP:
  - a. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres (including off-site disturbance acreage related to construction-support activity as authorized in S1.C.2) and discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more and discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
    - This category includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, and discharge to surface waters of the State (that is, forest practices that prepare a site for construction activities); and
  - b. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology):
    - i. Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
    - ii. Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.
- 2. Operators of the following activities are not required to seek coverage under this CSWGP (unless specifically required under Special Condition S1.B.1.b, above):
  - a. Construction activities that discharge all stormwater and non-stormwater to groundwater, sanitary sewer, or combined sewer, and have no point source discharge to either surface water or a storm sewer system that drains to surface waters of the State.
  - b. Construction activities covered under an Erosivity Waiver (Special Condition S1.F).
  - c. Routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of a facility.

#### C. Authorized Discharges

Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity. Subject to compliance with the terms
and conditions of this permit, Permittees are authorized to discharge stormwater
associated with construction activity to surface waters of the State or to a storm sewer
system that drains to surface waters of the State. (Note that "surface waters of the

- State" may exist on a construction site as well as off site; for example, a creek running through a site.)
- 2. Stormwater Associated with Construction Support Activity. This permit also authorizes stormwater discharge from support activities related to the permitted construction site (for example, an on-site portable rock crusher, off-site equipment staging yards, material storage areas, borrow areas, etc.) provided:
  - a. The support activity relates directly to the permitted construction site that is required to have an NPDES permit; and
  - The support activity is not a commercial operation serving multiple unrelated construction projects, and does not operate beyond the completion of the construction activity; and
  - c. Appropriate controls and measures are identified in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the discharges from the support activity areas.
- 3. **Non-Stormwater Discharges.** The categories and sources of non-stormwater discharges identified below are authorized conditionally, provided the discharge is consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit:
  - a. Discharges from fire-fighting activities.
  - b. Fire hydrant system flushing.
  - c. Potable water, including uncontaminated water line flushing.
  - d. Hydrostatic test water.
  - e. Uncontaminated air conditioning or compressor condensate.
  - f. Uncontaminated groundwater or spring water.
  - g. Uncontaminated excavation dewatering water (in accordance with S9.D.10).
  - h. Uncontaminated discharges from foundation or footing drains.
  - Uncontaminated or potable water used to control dust. Permittees must minimize the amount of dust control water used.
  - j. Routine external building wash down that does not use detergents.
  - k. Landscape irrigation water.

The SWPPP must adequately address all authorized non-stormwater discharges, except for discharges from fire-fighting activities, and must comply with Special Condition S3. At a minimum, discharges from potable water (including water line flushing), fire hydrant system flushing, and pipeline hydrostatic test water must undergo the following: dechlorination to a concentration of 0.1 parts per million (ppm) or less, and pH adjustment to within 6.5-8.5 standard units (su), if necessary.

#### D. Prohibited Discharges

The following discharges to waters of the State, including groundwater, are prohibited:

- 1. Concrete wastewater
- 2. Wastewater from washout and clean-up of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds and other construction materials.
- 3. Process wastewater as defined by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 122.2 (See Appendix A of this permit).
- Slurry materials and waste from shaft drilling, including process wastewater from shaft drilling for construction of building, road, and bridge foundations unless managed according to Special Condition S9.D.9.j.
- 5. Fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance.
- 6. Soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing.
- 7. Wheel wash wastewater, unless managed according to Special Condition S9.D.9.
- 8. Discharges from dewatering activities, including discharges from dewatering of trenches and excavations, unless managed according to Special Condition S9.D.10.

#### E. Limits on Coverage

Ecology may require any discharger to apply for and obtain coverage under an individual permit or another more specific general permit. Such alternative coverage will be required when Ecology determines that this CSWGP does not provide adequate assurance that water quality will be protected, or there is a reasonable potential for the project to cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards.

The following stormwater discharges are not covered by this permit:

- 1. Post-construction stormwater discharges that originate from the site after completion of construction activities and the site has undergone final stabilization.
- Non-point source silvicultural activities such as nursery operations, site preparation, reforestation and subsequent cultural treatment, thinning, prescribed burning, pest and fire control, harvesting operations, surface drainage, or road construction and maintenance, from which there is natural runoff as excluded in 40 CFR Subpart 122.
- 3. Stormwater from any federal operator.
- 4. Stormwater from facilities located on *Indian Country* as defined in 18 U.S.C.§1151, except portions of the Puyallup Reservation as noted below.

#### Indian Country includes:

- All land within any Indian Reservation notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and, including rights-of-way running through the reservation. This includes all federal, tribal, and Indian and non-Indian privately owned land within the reservation.
- b. All off-reservation Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through the same.
- c. All off-reservation federal trust lands held for Native American Tribes.

Puyallup Exception: Following the *Puyallup Tribes of Indians Land Settlement Act of 1989*, 25 U.S.C. §1773; the permit does apply to land within the Puyallup Reservation except for discharges to surface water on land held in trust by the federal government.

- 5. Stormwater from any site covered under an existing NPDES individual permit in which stormwater management and/or treatment requirements are included for all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity.
- 6. Stormwater from a site where an applicable Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirement specifically precludes or prohibits discharges from construction activity.

#### F. Erosivity Waiver

Construction site operators may qualify for an Erosivity Waiver from the CSWGP if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The site will result in the disturbance of fewer than five (5) acres and the site is not a portion of a common plan of development or sale that will disturb five (5) acres or greater.
- 2. Calculation of Erosivity "R" Factor and Regional Timeframe:
  - a. The project's calculated rainfall erosivity factor ("R" Factor) must be less than five (5) during the period of construction activity, (See the CSWGP homepage <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/index.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/index.html</a> for a link to the EPA's calculator and step by step instructions on computing the "R" Factor in the EPA Erosivity Waiver Fact Sheet). The period of construction activity starts when the land is first disturbed and ends with final stabilization. In addition:
  - b. The entire period of construction activity must fall within the following timeframes:
    - i. For sites west of the Cascades Crest: June 15 September 15.
    - ii. For sites east of the Cascades Crest, excluding the Central Basin: June 15 October 15.
    - iii. For sites east of the Cascades Crest, within the Central Basin: no timeframe restrictions apply. The Central Basin is defined as the portions of Eastern Washington with mean annual precipitation of less than 12 inches. For a map of the Central Basin (Average Annual Precipitation Region 2), refer to:

      <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/resourcesguidance.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/resourcesguidance.html</a>.
- Construction site operators must submit a complete Erosivity Waiver certification form at least one week before disturbing the land. Certification must include statements that the operator will:
  - a. Comply with applicable local stormwater requirements; and
  - b. Implement appropriate erosion and sediment control BMPs to prevent violations of water quality standards.
- 4. This waiver is not available for facilities declared significant contributors of pollutants as defined in Special Condition S1.B.1.b or for any size construction activity that could

- reasonably expect to cause a violation of any water quality standard as defined in Special Condition S1.B.1.b.ii.
- 5. This waiver does not apply to construction activities which include non-stormwater discharges listed in Special Condition S1.C.3.
- 6. If construction activity extends beyond the certified waiver period for any reason, the operator must either:
  - a. Recalculate the rainfall erosivity "R" factor using the original start date and a new projected ending date and, if the "R" factor is still under 5 and the entire project falls within the applicable regional timeframe in Special Condition S1.F.2.b, complete and submit an amended waiver certification form before the original waiver expires; or
  - b. Submit a complete permit application to Ecology in accordance with Special Condition S2.A and B before the end of the certified waiver period.

#### **S2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### A. Permit Application Forms

#### 1. Notice of Intent Form

- a. Operators of new or previously unpermitted construction activities must submit a complete and accurate permit application (Notice of Intent, or NOI) to Ecology.
- b. Operators must apply using the electronic application form (NOI) available on Ecology's website (<a href="http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/index.html">http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/index.html</a>). Permittees unable to submit electronically (for example, those who do not have an internet connection) must contact Ecology to request a waiver and obtain instructions on how to obtain a paper NOI.

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- c. The operator must submit the NOI at least 60 days before discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it prior to the date of the first public notice (See Special Condition S2.B, below, for details). The 30-day public comment period begins on the publication date of the second public notice. Unless Ecology responds to the complete application in writing, coverage under the general permit will automatically commence on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following receipt by Ecology of a completed NOI, or the issuance date of this permit, whichever is later; unless Ecology specifies a later date in writing as required by WAC173-226-200(2). See S8.B for Limits on Coverage for New Discharges to TMDL or 303(d)-Listed Waters.
- d. If an applicant intends to use a Best Management Practice (BMP) selected on the basis of Special Condition S9.C.4 ("demonstrably equivalent" BMPs), the applicant must notify Ecology of its selection as part of the NOI. In the event the applicant selects BMPs after submission of the NOI, the applicant must provide notice of the

- selection of an equivalent BMP to Ecology at least 60 days before intended use of the equivalent BMP.
- e. Applicants must notify Ecology if they are aware of contaminated soils and/or groundwater associated with the construction activity. Provide detailed information with the NOI (as known and readily available) on the nature and extent of the contamination (concentrations, locations, and depth), as well as pollution prevention and/or treatment BMPs proposed to control the discharge of soil and/or groundwater contaminants in stormwater. Examples of such detail may include, but are not limited to:
  - i. List or table of all known contaminants with laboratory test results showing concentration and depth,
  - ii. Map with sample locations,
  - iii. Related portions of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that address the management of contaminated and potentially contaminated construction stormwater and dewatering water,
  - iv. Dewatering plan and/or dewatering contingency plan.

#### 2. Transfer of Coverage Form

The Permittee can transfer current coverage under this permit to one or more new operators, including operators of sites within a Common Plan of Development, provided:

- The Permittee submits a complete Transfer of Coverage Form to Ecology, signed by the current and new discharger and containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage and liability (including any Administrative Orders associated with the permit); and
- ii. Ecology does not notify the current discharger and new discharger of intent to revoke coverage under the general permit. If this notice is not given, the transfer is effective on the date specified in the written agreement.

When a current discharger (Permittee) transfers a portion of a permitted site, the current discharger must also indicate the remaining permitted acreage after the transfer. Transfers do not require public notice.

#### 3. Modification of Coverage Form

Permittees must notify Ecology regarding any changes to the information provided on the NOI by submitting an Update/Modification of Permit Coverage form in accordance with General Conditions G6 and G19. Examples of such changes include, but are not limited to:

- i. Changes to the Permittee's mailing address,
- ii. Changes to the on-site contact person information, and
- iii. Changes to the area/acreage affected by construction activity.

#### **B.** Public Notice

For new or previously unpermitted construction activities, the applicant must publish a public notice at least one time each week for two consecutive weeks, at least 7 days apart, in a newspaper with general circulation in the county where the construction is to take place. The notice must be run after the NOI has been submitted and must contain:

- A statement that "The applicant is seeking coverage under the Washington State
   Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge
   General Permit."
- 2. The name, address, and location of the construction site.
- 3. The name and address of the applicant.
- 4. The type of construction activity that will result in a discharge (for example, residential construction, commercial construction, etc.), and the total number of acres to be disturbed over the lifetime of the project.
- 5. The name of the receiving water(s) (that is, the surface water(s) to which the site will discharge), or, if the discharge is through a storm sewer system, the name of the operator of the system and the receiving water(s) the system discharges to.
- 6. The statement: Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this application, or interested in Ecology's action on this application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II antidegradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: Department of Ecology, PO Box 47696, Olympia, Washington 98504-7696 Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater.

#### S3. COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS

- A. Discharges must not cause or contribute to a violation of surface water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), groundwater quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC), sediment management standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC), and human health-based criteria in the Federal water quality criteria applicable to Washington. (40 CFR Part 131.45) Discharges that are not in compliance with these standards are prohibited.
- **B.** Prior to the discharge of stormwater and non-stormwater to waters of the State, the Permittee must apply All Known, Available, and Reasonable methods of prevention, control, and Treatment (AKART). This includes the preparation and implementation of an adequate SWPPP, with all appropriate BMPs installed and maintained in accordance with the SWPPP and the terms and conditions of this permit.
- **C. Ecology presumes** that a Permittee complies with water quality standards unless discharge monitoring data or other site-specific information demonstrates that a discharge causes or contributes to a violation of water quality standards, when the Permittee complies with the following conditions. The Permittee must fully:

- Comply with all permit conditions, including; planning, sampling, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping conditions.
- Implement stormwater BMPs contained in stormwater management manuals published or approved by Ecology, or BMPs that are demonstrably equivalent to BMPs contained in stormwater management manuals published or approved by Ecology, including the proper selection, implementation, and maintenance of all applicable and appropriate BMPs for on-site pollution control. (For purposes of this section, the stormwater manuals listed in Appendix 10 of the *Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit* are approved by Ecology.)
- **D.** Where construction sites also discharge to groundwater, the groundwater discharges must also meet the terms and conditions of this CSWGP. Permittees who discharge to groundwater through an injection well must also comply with any applicable requirements of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations, Chapter 173-218 WAC.

# S4. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, BENCHMARKS, AND REPORTING TRIGGERS

#### A. Site Log Book

The Permittee must maintain a site log book that contains a record of the implementation of the SWPPP and other permit requirements, including the installation and maintenance of BMPs, site inspections, and stormwater monitoring.

#### **B.** Site Inspections

Construction sites one (1) acre or larger that discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State must have site inspections conducted by a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL). Sites less than one (1) acre may have a person without CESCL certification conduct inspections. (See Special Conditions S4.B.3 and B.4, below, for detailed requirements of the Permittee's CESCL.)

Site inspections must include all areas disturbed by construction activities, all BMPs, and all stormwater discharge points under the Permittee's operational control.

- The Permittee must have staff knowledgeable in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control. The CESCL (sites one acre or more) or inspector (sites less than one acre) must have the skills to assess the:
  - a. Site conditions and construction activities that could impact the quality of stormwater; and
  - b. Effectiveness of erosion and sediment control measures used to control the quality of stormwater discharges. The SWPPP must identify the CESCL or inspector, who must be present on site or on-call at all times. The CESCL (sites one (1) acre or more) must obtain this certification through an approved erosion and sediment control training program that meets the minimum training standards established by Ecology. (See BMP C160 in the manual, referred to in Special Condition S9.C.1 and 2.)
- 2. The CESCL or inspector must examine stormwater visually for the presence of suspended sediment, turbidity, discoloration, and oil sheen. BMP effectiveness must be evaluated to

determine if it is necessary to install, maintain, or repair BMPs to improve the quality of stormwater discharges.

Based on the results of the inspection, the Permittee must correct the problems identified, by:

- a. Reviewing the SWPPP for compliance with Special Condition S9 and making appropriate revisions within 7 days of the inspection.
- b. Immediately beginning the process of fully implementing and maintaining appropriate source control and/or treatment BMPs, within 10 days of the inspection. If installation of necessary treatment BMPs is not feasible within 10 days, Ecology may approve additional time when an extension is requested by a Permittee within the initial 10-day response period.
- c. Documenting BMP implementation and maintenance in the site log book.
- 3. The CESCL or inspector must inspect all areas disturbed by construction activities, all BMPs, and all stormwater discharge points at least once every calendar week and within 24 hours of any discharge from the site. (For purposes of this condition, individual discharge events that last more than one (1) day do not require daily inspections. For example, if a stormwater pond discharges continuously over the course of a week, only one (1) inspection is required that week.) Inspection frequency may be reduced to once every calendar month for inactive sites that are temporarily stabilized.
- 4. The Permittee must summarize the results of each inspection in an inspection report or checklist and enter the report/checklist into, or attach it to, the site log book. At a minimum, each inspection report or checklist must include:
  - a. Inspection date and time.
  - b. Weather information.
  - c. The general conditions during inspection.
  - d. The approximate amount of precipitation since the last inspection.
  - e. The approximate amount of precipitation within the last 24 hours.
  - f. A summary or list of all implemented BMPs, including observations of all erosion/sediment control structures or practices.
  - g. A description of:
    - i. BMPs inspected (including location).
    - ii. BMPs that need maintenance and why.
    - iii. BMPs that failed to operate as designed or intended, and
    - iv. Where additional or different BMPs are needed, and why.
  - h. A description of stormwater discharged from the site. The Permittee must note the presence of suspended sediment, turbidity, discoloration, and oil sheen, as applicable.

- i. Any water quality monitoring performed during inspection.
- j. General comments and notes, including a brief description of any BMP repairs, maintenance, or installations made following the inspection.
- k. An implementation schedule for the remedial actions that the Permittee plans to take if the site inspection indicates that the site is out of compliance. The remedial actions taken must meet the requirements of the SWPPP and the permit.
- I. A summary report of the inspection.
- m. The name, title, and signature of the person conducting the site inspection, a phone number or other reliable method to reach this person, and the following statement: I certify that this report is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Table 3 Summary of Primary Monitoring Requirements

Size of Soil Disturbance <sup>1</sup>	Weekly Site Inspections	Weekly Sampling w/ Turbidity Meter	Weekly Sampling w/ Transparency Tube	Weekly pH Sampling <sup>2</sup>	CESCL Required for Inspections?
Sites that disturb less than 1 acre, but are part of a larger Common Plan of Development	Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	No
Sites that disturb 1 acre or more, but fewer than 5 acres	Required	Sampling Required – either method <sup>3</sup>		Required	Yes
Sites that disturb 5 acres or more	Required	Required	Not Required4	Required	Yes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Soil disturbance is calculated by adding together all areas that will be affected by construction activity. Construction activity means clearing, grading, excavation, and any other activity that disturbs the surface of the land, including ingress/egress from the site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If construction activity results in the disturbance of 1 acre or more, and involves significant concrete work (1,000 cubic yards of concrete or recycled concrete placed or poured over the life of a project) or the use of engineered soils (soil amendments including but not limited to Portland cement-treated base [CTB], cement kiln dust [CKD], or fly ash), and stormwater from the affected area drains to surface waters of the State or to a storm sewer stormwater collection system that drains to other surface waters of the State, the Permittee must conduct pH sampling in accordance with Special Condition S4.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sites with one or more acres, but fewer than 5 acres of soil disturbance, must conduct turbidity or transparency sampling in accordance with Special Condition S4.C.4.a or b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sites equal to or greater than 5 acres of soil disturbance must conduct turbidity sampling using a turbidity meter in accordance with Special Condition S4.C.4.a.

#### C. Turbidity/Transparency Sampling Requirements

#### 1. Sampling Methods

- a. If construction activity involves the disturbance of five (5) acres or more, the Permittee must conduct turbidity sampling per Special Condition S4.C.4.a, below.
- b. If construction activity involves one (1) acre or more but fewer than five (5) acres of soil disturbance, the Permittee must conduct either transparency sampling *or* turbidity sampling per Special Condition S4.C.4.a or b, below.

#### 2. Sampling Frequency

- a. The Permittee must sample all discharge points at least once every calendar week when stormwater (or authorized non-stormwater) discharges from the site or enters any on-site surface waters of the state (for example, a creek running through a site); sampling is not required on sites that disturb less than an acre.
- b. Samples must be representative of the flow and characteristics of the discharge.
- c. Sampling is not required when there is no discharge during a calendar week.
- d. Sampling is not required outside of normal working hours or during unsafe conditions.
- e. If the Permittee is unable to sample during a monitoring period, the Permittee must include a brief explanation in the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).
- f. Sampling is not required before construction activity begins.
- g. The Permittee may reduce the sampling frequency for temporarily stabilized, inactive sites to once every calendar month.

#### 3. Sampling Locations

- a. Sampling is required at all points where stormwater associated with construction activity (or authorized non-stormwater) is discharged off site, including where it enters any on-site surface waters of the state (for example, a creek running through a site).
- b. The Permittee may discontinue sampling at discharge points that drain areas of the project that are fully stabilized to prevent erosion.
- c. The Permittee must identify all sampling point(s) in the SWPPP and on the site map and clearly mark these points in the field with a flag, tape, stake or other visible marker.
- d. Sampling is not required for discharge that is sent directly to sanitary or combined sewer systems.
- e. The Permittee may discontinue sampling at discharge points in areas of the project where the Permittee no longer has operational control of the construction activity.

#### 4. Sampling and Analysis Methods

- a. The Permittee performs turbidity analysis with a calibrated turbidity meter (turbidimeter) either on site or at an accredited lab. The Permittee must record the results in the site log book in nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs).
- b. The Permittee performs transparency analysis on site with a 1% inch diameter, 60 centimeter (cm)-long transparency tube. The Permittee will record the results in the site log book in centimeters (cm).

Table 4 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

Parameter	Unit	Analytical Method	Sampling Frequency	Benchmark Value
Turbidity	NTU	SM2130	Weekly, if discharging	25 NTUs
Transparency	Cm	Manufacturer instructions, or Ecology guidance	Weekly, if discharging	33 cm

#### 5. Turbidity/Transparency Benchmark Values and Reporting Triggers

The benchmark value for turbidity is 25 NTUs. The benchmark value for transparency is 33 centimeters (cm). Note: Benchmark values do not apply to discharges to segments of water bodies on Washington State's 303(d) list (Category 5) for turbidity, fine sediment, or phosphorus; these discharges are subject to a numeric effluent limit for turbidity. Refer to Special Condition S8 for more information and follow S5.F – Noncompliance Notification for reporting requirements applicable to discharges which exceed the numeric effluent limit for turbidity.

a. Turbidity 26 – 249 NTUs, or Transparency 32 – 7 cm:

If the discharge turbidity is 26 to 249 NTUs; or if discharge transparency is 32 to 7 cm, the Permittee must:

- i. Immediately begin the process to fully implement and maintain appropriate source control and/or treatment BMPs, and no later than 10 days of the date the discharge exceeded the benchmark. If installation of necessary treatment BMPs is not feasible within 10 days, Ecology may approve additional time when the Permittee requests an extension within the initial 10-day response period.
- ii. Review the SWPPP for compliance with Special Condition S9 and make appropriate revisions within 7 days of the date the discharge exceeded the benchmark.
- iii. Document BMP implementation and maintenance in the site log book.
- b. Turbidity 250 NTUs or greater, or Transparency 6 cm or less:

If a discharge point's turbidity is 250 NTUs or greater, or if discharge transparency is less than or equal to 6 cm, the Permittee must complete the reporting and adaptive

management process described below. For discharges which are subject to a numeric effluent limit for turbidity, see S5.F – Noncompliance Notification.

- i. Within 24 hours, telephone or submit an electronic report to the applicable Ecology Region's Environmental Report Tracking System (ERTS) number (or through Ecology's Water Quality Permitting Portal [WQWebPortal] – Permit Submittals when the form is available), in accordance with Special Condition S5.A.
  - **Central Region** (Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton): (509) 575-2490
  - Eastern Region (Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman): (509) 329-3400
  - Northwest Region (Kitsap, Snohomish, Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom): (425) 649-7000
  - **Southwest Region** (Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, Pierce, Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum, Clallam, Jefferson, Pacific): (360) 407-6300

These numbers and a link to the ERTS reporting page are also listed at the following website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wg/stormwater/construction/index.html.

- ii. Immediately begin the process to fully implement and maintain appropriate source control and/or treatment BMPs as soon as possible, addressing the problems within 10 days of the date the discharge exceeded the benchmark. If installation of necessary treatment BMPs is not feasible within 10 days, Ecology may approve additional time when the Permittee requests an extension within the initial 10-day response period.
- iii. Sample discharges daily until:
  - a) Turbidity is 25 NTUs (or lower); or
  - b) Transparency is 33 cm (or greater); or
  - c) The Permittee has demonstrated compliance with the water quality standard for turbidity:
    - 1) No more than 5 NTUs over background turbidity, if background is less than 50 NTUs, or
    - 2) No more than 10% over background turbidity, if background is 50 NTUs or greater; or
      - \*Note: background turbidity in the receiving water must be measured immediately upstream (upgradient) or outside of the area of influence of the discharge.
  - d) The discharge stops or is eliminated.
- iv. Review the SWPPP for compliance with Special Condition S9 and make appropriate revisions within seven (7) days of the date the discharge exceeded the benchmark.

v. Document BMP implementation and maintenance in the site log book.

Compliance with these requirements does not relieve the Permittee from responsibility to maintain continuous compliance with permit benchmarks.

#### D. pH Sampling Requirements - Significant Concrete Work or Engineered Soils

If construction activity results in the disturbance of 1 acre or more, *and* involves significant concrete work (significant concrete work means greater than 1000 cubic yards placed or poured concrete or recycled concrete used over the life of a project) or the use of engineered soils (soil amendments including but not limited to Portland cement-treated base [CTB], cement kiln dust [CKD], or fly ash), and stormwater from the affected area drains to surface waters of the State or to a storm sewer system that drains to surface waters of the State, the Permittee must conduct pH sampling as set forth below. Note: In addition, discharges to segments of water bodies on Washington State's 303(d) list (Category 5) for high pH are subject to a numeric effluent limit for pH; refer to Special Condition S8.

- 1. The Permittee must perform pH analysis on site with a calibrated pH meter, pH test kit, or wide range pH indicator paper. The Permittee must record pH sampling results in the site log book.
- 2. During the applicable pH monitoring period defined below, the Permittee must obtain a representative sample of stormwater and conduct pH analysis at least once per week.
  - a. For sites with significant concrete work, the Permittee must begin the pH sampling period when the concrete is first placed or poured and exposed to precipitation, and continue weekly throughout and after the concrete placement, pour and curing period, until stormwater pH is in the range of 6.5 to 8.5 (su).
  - b. For sites with recycled concrete where monitoring is required, the Permittee must begin the weekly pH sampling period when the recycled concrete is first exposed to precipitation and must continue until the recycled concrete is fully stabilized with the stormwater pH in the range of 6.5 to 8.5 (su).
  - c. For sites with engineered soils, the Permittee must begin the pH sampling period when the soil amendments are first exposed to precipitation and must continue until the area of engineered soils is fully stabilized.
- 3. The Permittee must sample pH in the sediment trap/pond(s) or other locations that receive stormwater runoff from the area of significant concrete work or engineered soils before the stormwater discharges to surface waters.
- 4. The benchmark value for pH is 8.5 standard units. Anytime sampling indicates that pH is 8.5 or greater, the Permittee must either:
  - a. Prevent the high pH water (8.5 or above) from entering storm sewer systems or surface waters of the state; *or*
  - b. If necessary, adjust or neutralize the high pH water until it is in the range of pH 6.5 to 8.5 (su) using an appropriate treatment BMP such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) sparging, dry ice or food grade vinegar. The Permittee must obtain written approval from Ecology before using any form of chemical treatment other than CO<sub>2</sub> sparging, dry ice or food grade vinegar.

#### S5. REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

#### A. High Turbidity Reporting

Anytime sampling performed in accordance with Special Condition S4.C indicates turbidity has reached the 250 NTUs or more (or transparency less than or equal to 6 cm), high turbidity reporting level, the Permittee must notify Ecology within 24 hours of analysis either by calling the applicable Ecology Region's Environmental Report Tracking System (ERTS) number by phone or by submitting an electronic ERTS report (through Ecology's Water Quality Permitting Portal (WQWebPortal) – Permit Submittals when the form is available). See the CSWGP website for links to ERTS and the WQWebPortal. (<a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/index.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/index.html</a>) Also, see phone numbers in Special Condition S4.C.5.b.i.

#### B. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)

Permittees required to conduct water quality sampling in accordance with Special Conditions S4.C (Turbidity/Transparency), S4.D (pH), S8 (303[d]/TMDL sampling), and/or G12 (Additional Sampling) must submit the results to Ecology.

Permittees must submit monitoring data using Ecology's WQWebDMR web application accessed through Ecology's Water Quality Permitting Portal.

Permittees unable to submit electronically (for example, those who do not have an internet connection) must contact Ecology to request a waiver and obtain instructions on how to obtain a paper copy DMR at:

Department of Ecology Water Quality Program - Construction Stormwater PO Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696

Permittees who obtain a waiver not to use WQWebDMR must use the forms provided to them by Ecology; submittals must be mailed to the address above. Permittees must submit DMR forms to be received by Ecology within 15 days following the end of each month.

If there was no discharge during a given monitoring period, all Permittees must submit a DMR as required with "no discharge" entered in place of the monitoring results. DMRs are required for the full duration of permit coverage (from the first full month following the effective date of permit coverage up until Ecology has approved termination of the coverage). For more information, contact Ecology staff using information provided at the following website: <a href="https://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/contacts.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/contacts.html</a>.

#### C. Records Retention

The Permittee must retain records of all monitoring information (site log book, sampling results, inspection reports/checklists, etc.), Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, copy of the permit coverage letter (including Transfer of Coverage documentation) and any other documentation of compliance with permit requirements for the entire life of the construction project and for a minimum of five (5) years following the termination of permit coverage. Such information must include all calibration and maintenance records, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit. This period of retention must be extended during

the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the discharge of pollutants by the Permittee or when requested by Ecology.

#### D. Recording Results

For each measurement or sample taken, the Permittee must record the following information:

- 1. Date, place, method, and time of sampling or measurement.
- 2. The first and last name of the individual who performed the sampling or measurement.
- 3. The date(s) the analyses were performed.
- 4. The first and last name of the individual who performed the analyses.
- 5. The analytical techniques or methods used.
- 6. The results of all analyses.

#### E. Additional Monitoring by the Permittee

If the Permittee samples or monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit using test procedures specified by Special Condition S4 of this permit, the sampling results for this monitoring must be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the Permittee's DMR.

#### F. Noncompliance Notification

In the event the Permittee is unable to comply with any part of the terms and conditions of this permit, and the resulting noncompliance may cause a threat to human health or the environment (such as but not limited to spills or fuels or other materials, catastrophic pond or slope failure, and discharges that violate water quality standards), or exceed numeric effluent limitations (see S8 – Discharges to 303(d) or TMDL Waterbodies), the Permittee must, upon becoming aware of the circumstance:

- Notify Ecology within 24 hours of the failure to comply by calling the applicable Regional
  office ERTS phone number (refer to Special Condition S4.C.5.b.i, or go to
  <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Report-an-environmental-issue">https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Report-an-environmental-issue</a> to find
  contact information for the regional offices.)
- 2. Immediately take action to prevent the discharge/pollution, or otherwise stop or correct the noncompliance, and, if applicable, repeat sampling and analysis of any noncompliance immediately and submit the results to Ecology within five (5) days of becoming aware of the violation (See S5.F.3, below, for details on submitting results in a report).
- 3. Submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances, unless requested earlier by Ecology. The report must be submitted using Ecology's Water Quality Permitting Portal (WQWebPortal) Permit Submittals, unless a waiver from electronic reporting has been granted according to S5.B. The report must contain a description of the noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

The Permittee must report any unanticipated bypass and/or upset that exceeds any effluent limit in the permit in accordance with the 24-hour reporting requirement contained in 40 C.F.R. 122.41(I)(6).

Compliance with these requirements does not relieve the Permittee from responsibility to maintain continuous compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit or the resulting liability for failure to comply. Upon request of the Permittee, Ecology may waive the requirement for a written report on a case-by-case basis, if the immediate notification is received by Ecology within 24 hours.

#### G. Access to Plans and Records

- The Permittee must retain the following permit documentation (plans and records) on site, or within reasonable access to the site, for use by the operator or for on-site review by Ecology or the local jurisdiction:
  - a. General Permit
  - b. Permit Coverage Letter
  - c. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
  - d. Site Log Book
  - e. Erosivity Waiver (if applicable)
- 2. The Permittee must address written requests for plans and records listed above (Special Condition S5.G.1) as follows:
  - a. The Permittee must provide a copy of plans and records to Ecology within 14 days of receipt of a written request from Ecology.
  - b. The Permittee must provide a copy of plans and records to the public when requested in writing. Upon receiving a written request from the public for the Permittee's plans and records, the Permittee must either:
    - i. Provide a copy of the plans and records to the requester within 14 days of a receipt of the written request; *or*
    - ii. Notify the requester within 10 days of receipt of the written request of the location and times within normal business hours when the plans and records may be viewed; and provide access to the plans and records within 14 days of receipt of the written request; or

Within 14 days of receipt of the written request, the Permittee may submit a copy of the plans and records to Ecology for viewing and/or copying by the requester at an Ecology office, or a mutually agreed location. If plans and records are viewed and/or copied at a location other than at an Ecology office, the Permittee will provide reasonable access to copying services for which a reasonable fee may be charged. The Permittee must notify the requester within 10 days of receipt of the request where the plans and records may be viewed and/or copied.

#### S6. PERMIT FEES

The Permittee must pay permit fees assessed by Ecology. Fees for stormwater discharges covered under this permit are established by Chapter 173-224 WAC. Ecology continues to assess permit fees until the permit is terminated in accordance with Special Condition S10 or revoked in accordance with General Condition G5.

#### S7. SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL

The Permittee must handle and dispose of solid and liquid wastes generated by construction activity, such as demolition debris, construction materials, contaminated materials, and waste materials from maintenance activities, including liquids and solids from cleaning catch basins and other stormwater facilities, in accordance with:

- A. Special Condition S3, Compliance with Standards.
- **B.** WAC 173-216-110.
- **C.** Other applicable regulations.

#### S8. DISCHARGES TO 303(d) OR TMDL WATERBODIES

# A. Sampling and Numeric Effluent Limits For Certain Discharges to 303(d)-Listed Water Bodies

- 1. Permittees who discharge to segments of water bodies listed as impaired by the State of Washington under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorus, must conduct water quality sampling according to the requirements of this section, and Special Conditions S4.C.2.b-f and S4.C.3.b-d, and must comply with the applicable numeric effluent limitations in S8.C and S8.D.
- All references and requirements associated with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act
  mean the most current listing by Ecology of impaired waters (Category 5) that exists on
  January 1, 2021, or the date when the operator's complete permit application is received
  by Ecology, whichever is later.

#### B. Limits on Coverage for New Discharges to TMDL or 303(d)-Listed Waters

Construction sites that discharge to a TMDL or 303(d)-listed waterbody are not eligible for coverage under this permit *unless* the operator:

- Prevents exposing stormwater to pollutants for which the waterbody is impaired, and retains documentation in the SWPPP that details procedures taken to prevent exposure on site; or
- 2. Documents that the pollutants for which the waterbody is impaired are not present at the site, and retains documentation of this finding within the SWPPP; *or*
- 3. Provides Ecology with data indicating the discharge is not expected to cause or contribute to an exceedance of a water quality standard, and retains such data on site with the SWPPP. The operator must provide data and other technical information to Ecology that sufficiently demonstrate:
  - a. For discharges to waters without an EPA-approved or -established TMDL, that the discharge of the pollutant for which the water is impaired will meet in-stream water quality criteria at the point of discharge to the waterbody; *or*
  - b. For discharges to waters with an EPA-approved or -established TMDL, that there is sufficient remaining wasteload allocation in the TMDL to allow construction stormwater discharge and that existing dischargers to the waterbody are subject to compliance schedules designed to bring the waterbody into attainment with water quality standards.

Operators of construction sites are eligible for coverage under this permit only after Ecology makes an affirmative determination that the *discharge will not cause or contribute to the existing impairment or exceed the TMDL.* 

# C. Sampling and Numeric Effluent Limits for Discharges to Water Bodies on the 303(d) List for Turbidity, Fine Sediment, or Phosphorus

- 1. Permittees who discharge to segments of water bodies on the 303(d) list (Category 5) for turbidity, fine sediment, or phosphorus must conduct turbidity sampling in accordance with Special Condition S4.C.2 and comply with either of the numeric effluent limits noted in Table 5 below.
- 2. As an alternative to the 25 NTUs effluent limit noted in Table 5 below (applied at the point where stormwater [or authorized non-stormwater] is discharged off-site), Permittees may choose to comply with the surface water quality standard for turbidity. The standard is: no more than 5 NTUs over background turbidity when the background turbidity is 50 NTUs or less, or no more than a 10% increase in turbidity when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTUs. In order to use the water quality standard requirement, the sampling must take place at the following locations:
  - a. Background turbidity in the 303(d)-listed receiving water immediately upstream (upgradient) or outside the area of influence of the discharge.
  - b. Turbidity at the point of discharge into the 303(d)-listed receiving water, inside the area of influence of the discharge.
- 3. Discharges that exceed the numeric effluent limit for turbidity constitute a violation of this permit.
- 4. Permittees whose discharges exceed the numeric effluent limit must sample discharges daily until the violation is corrected and comply with the non-compliance notification requirements in Special Condition S5.F.

Table 5 Turbidity, Fine Sediment & Phosphorus Sampling and Limits for 303(d)-Listed Waters

Parameter identified in 303(d) listing	Parameter Sampled	Unit	Analytical Method	Sampling Frequency	Numeric Effluent Limit <sup>1</sup>
<ul><li>Turbidity</li><li>Fine Sediment</li><li>Phosphorus</li></ul>	Turbidity	NTU	SM2130	Weekly, if discharging	25 NTUs, at the point where stormwater is discharged from the site; <i>OR</i>
					In compliance with the surface water quality standard for turbidity (S8.C.2.a)

Permittees subject to a numeric effluent limit for turbidity may, at their discretion, choose either numeric effluent limitation based on site-specific considerations including, but not limited to, safety, access and convenience.

#### D. Discharges to Water Bodies on the 303(d) List for High pH

1. Permittees who discharge to segments of water bodies on the 303(d) list (Category 5) for high pH must conduct pH sampling in accordance with the table below, and comply with the numeric effluent limit of pH 6.5 to 8.5 su (Table 6).

Table 6 pH Sampling and Limits for 303(d)-Listed Waters

Parameter identified in 303(d)	Parameter	Analytical	Sampling	Numeric Effluent
listing	Sampled/Units	Method	Frequency	Limit
High pH	pH /Standard Units	pH meter	Weekly, if discharging	In the range of 6.5 – 8.5 su

- 2. At the Permittee's discretion, compliance with the limit shall be assessed at one of the following locations:
  - a. Directly in the 303(d)-listed waterbody segment, inside the immediate area of influence of the discharge; *or*
  - b. Alternatively, the Permittee may measure pH at the point where the discharge leaves the construction site, rather than in the receiving water.
- 3. Discharges that exceed the numeric effluent limit for pH (outside the range of 6.5 8.5 su) constitute a violation of this permit.
- 4. Permittees whose discharges exceed the numeric effluent limit must sample discharges daily until the violation is corrected and comply with the non-compliance notification requirements in Special Condition S5.F.
- E. Sampling and Limits for Sites Discharging to Waters Covered by a TMDL or another Pollution Control Plan

- Discharges to a waterbody that is subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorus must be consistent with the TMDL. Refer to <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/TMDLsbyWria/TMDLbyWria.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/TMDLsbyWria/TMDLbyWria.html</a> for more information on TMDLs.
  - a. Where an applicable TMDL sets specific waste load allocations or requirements for discharges covered by this permit, discharges must be consistent with any specific waste load allocations or requirements established by the applicable TMDL.
    - The Permittee must sample discharges weekly, unless otherwise specified by the TMDL, to evaluate compliance with the specific waste load allocations or requirements.
    - ii. Analytical methods used to meet the monitoring requirements must conform to the latest revision of the *Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants* contained in 40 CFR Part 136.
    - iii. Turbidity and pH methods need not be accredited or registered unless conducted at a laboratory which must otherwise be accredited or registered.
  - b. Where an applicable TMDL has established a general waste load allocation for construction stormwater discharges, but has not identified specific requirements, compliance with Special Conditions S4 (Monitoring) and S9 (SWPPPs) will constitute compliance with the approved TMDL.
  - c. Where an applicable TMDL has not specified a waste load allocation for construction stormwater discharges, but has not excluded these discharges, compliance with Special Conditions S4 (Monitoring) and S9 (SWPPPs) will constitute compliance with the approved TMDL.
  - d. Where an applicable TMDL specifically precludes or prohibits discharges from construction activity, the operator is not eligible for coverage under this permit.

#### S9. STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN

The Permittee must prepare and properly implement an adequate Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for construction activity in accordance with the requirements of this permit beginning with initial soil disturbance and until final stabilization.

#### A. The Permittee's SWPPP must meet the following objectives:

- To identify best management practices (BMPs) which prevent erosion and sedimentation, and to reduce, eliminate or prevent stormwater contamination and water pollution from construction activity.
- 2. To prevent violations of surface water quality, groundwater quality, or sediment management standards.
- 3. To control peak volumetric flow rates and velocities of stormwater discharges.

#### **B.** General Requirements

- The SWPPP must include a narrative and drawings. All BMPs must be clearly referenced in the narrative and marked on the drawings. The SWPPP narrative must include documentation to explain and justify the pollution prevention decisions made for the project. Documentation must include:
  - a. Information about existing site conditions (topography, drainage, soils, vegetation, etc.).
  - b. Potential erosion problem areas.
  - c. The 13 elements of a SWPPP in Special Condition S9.D.1-13, including BMPs used to address each element.
  - d. Construction phasing/sequence and general BMP implementation schedule.
  - e. The actions to be taken if BMP performance goals are not achieved—for example, a contingency plan for additional treatment and/or storage of stormwater that would violate the water quality standards if discharged.
  - f. Engineering calculations for ponds, treatment systems, and any other designed structures. When a treatment system requires engineering calculations, these calculations must be included in the SWPPP. Engineering calculations do not need to be included in the SWPPP for treatment systems that do not require such calculations.
- 2. The Permittee must modify the SWPPP if, during inspections or investigations conducted by the owner/operator, or the applicable local or state regulatory authority, it is determined that the SWPPP is, or would be, ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants in stormwater discharges from the site. The Permittee must then:
  - a. Review the SWPPP for compliance with Special Condition S9 and make appropriate revisions within 7 days of the inspection or investigation.
  - b. Immediately begin the process to fully implement and maintain appropriate source control and/or treatment BMPs as soon as possible, addressing the problems no later than 10 days from the inspection or investigation. If installation of necessary treatment BMPs is not feasible within 10 days, Ecology may approve additional time when an extension is requested by a Permittee within the initial 10-day response period.
  - c. Document BMP implementation and maintenance in the site log book.

The Permittee must modify the SWPPP whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the construction site that has, or could have, a significant effect on the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State.

#### C. Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

BMPs must be consistent with:

 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (most current approved edition at the time this permit was issued), for sites west of the crest of the Cascade Mountains; or

- 2. Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington (most current approved edition at the time this permit was issued), for sites east of the crest of the Cascade Mountains; or
- 3. Revisions to the manuals listed in Special Condition S9.C.1 & 2, or other stormwater management guidance documents or manuals which provide an equivalent level of pollution prevention, that are approved by Ecology and incorporated into this permit in accordance with the permit modification requirements of WAC 173-226-230; *or*
- 4. Documentation in the SWPPP that the BMPs selected provide an equivalent level of pollution prevention, compared to the applicable stormwater management manuals, including:
  - a. The technical basis for the selection of all stormwater BMPs (scientific, technical studies, and/or modeling) that support the performance claims for the BMPs being selected.
  - b. An assessment of how the selected BMP will satisfy AKART requirements and the applicable federal technology-based treatment requirements under 40 CFR part 125.3.

#### D. SWPPP - Narrative Contents and Requirements

The Permittee must include each of the 13 elements below in Special Condition S9.D.1-13 in the narrative of the SWPPP and implement them unless site conditions render the element unnecessary and the exemption from that element is clearly justified in the SWPPP.

- Preserve Vegetation/Mark Clearing Limits
  - a. Before beginning land-disturbing activities, including clearing and grading, clearly mark all clearing limits, sensitive areas and their buffers, and trees that are to be preserved within the construction area.
  - b. Retain the duff layer, native topsoil, and natural vegetation in an undisturbed state to the maximum degree practicable.

#### 2. Establish Construction Access

- a. Limit construction vehicle access and exit to one route, if possible.
- b. Stabilize access points with a pad of quarry spalls, crushed rock, or other equivalent BMPs, to minimize tracking sediment onto roads.
- c. Locate wheel wash or tire baths on site, if the stabilized construction entrance is not effective in preventing tracking sediment onto roads.
- d. If sediment is tracked off site, clean the affected roadway thoroughly at the end of each day, or more frequently as necessary (for example, during wet weather). Remove sediment from roads by shoveling, sweeping, or pickup and transport of the sediment to a controlled sediment disposal area.
- e. Conduct street washing only after sediment removal in accordance with Special Condition S9.D.2.d.
- f. Control street wash wastewater by pumping back on site or otherwise preventing it from discharging into systems tributary to waters of the State.

#### 3. Control Flow Rates

- a. Protect properties and waterways downstream of construction sites from erosion and the associated discharge of turbid waters due to increases in the velocity and peak volumetric flow rate of stormwater runoff from the project site, as required by local plan approval authority.
- b. Where necessary to comply with Special Condition S9.D.3.a, construct stormwater infiltration or detention BMPs as one of the first steps in grading. Assure that detention BMPs function properly before constructing site improvements (for example, impervious surfaces).
- c. If permanent infiltration ponds are used for flow control during construction, protect these facilities from sedimentation during the construction phase.

#### 4. Install Sediment Controls

The Permittee must design, install and maintain effective erosion controls and sediment controls to minimize the discharge of pollutants. At a minimum, the Permittee must:

- a. Construct sediment control BMPs (sediment ponds, traps, filters, infiltration facilities, etc.) as one of the first steps in grading. These BMPs must be functional before other land disturbing activities take place.
- b. Minimize sediment discharges from the site. The design, installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls must address factors such as the amount, frequency, intensity and duration of precipitation, the nature of resulting stormwater runoff, and soil characteristics, including the range of soil particle sizes expected to be present on the site.
- c. Direct stormwater runoff from disturbed areas through a sediment pond or other appropriate sediment removal BMP, before the runoff leaves a construction site or before discharge to an infiltration facility. Runoff from fully stabilized areas may be discharged without a sediment removal BMP, but must meet the flow control performance standard of Special Condition S9.D.3.a.
- d. Locate BMPs intended to trap sediment on site in a manner to avoid interference with the movement of juvenile salmonids attempting to enter off-channel areas or drainages.
- e. Provide and maintain natural buffers around surface waters, direct stormwater to vegetated areas to increase sediment removal and maximize stormwater infiltration, unless infeasible.
- f. Where feasible, design outlet structures that withdraw impounded stormwater from the surface to avoid discharging sediment that is still suspended lower in the water column.

#### 5. Stabilize Soils

a. The Permittee must stabilize exposed and unworked soils by application of effective BMPs that prevent erosion. Applicable BMPs include, but are not limited to: temporary and permanent seeding, sodding, mulching, plastic covering, erosion

- control fabrics and matting, soil application of polyacrylamide (PAM), the early application of gravel base on areas to be paved, and dust control.
- b. The Permittee must control stormwater volume and velocity within the site to minimize soil erosion.
- c. The Permittee must control stormwater discharges, including both peak flow rates and total stormwater volume, to minimize erosion at outlets and to minimize downstream channel and stream bank erosion.
- d. Depending on the geographic location of the project, the Permittee must not allow soils to remain exposed and unworked for more than the time periods set forth below to prevent erosion.

#### **West of the Cascade Mountains Crest**

During the dry season (May 1 - September 30): 7 days During the wet season (October 1 - April 30): 2 days

East of the Cascade Mountains Crest, except for Central Basin\* During the dry season (July 1 - September 30): 10 days During the wet season (October 1 - June 30): 5 days

The Central Basin\*, East of the Cascade Mountains Crest During the dry Season (July 1 - September 30): 30 days During the wet season (October 1 - June 30): 15 days

\*Note: The Central Basin is defined as the portions of Eastern Washington with mean annual precipitation of less than 12 inches.

- e. The Permittee must stabilize soils at the end of the shift before a holiday or weekend if needed based on the weather forecast.
- f. The Permittee must stabilize soil stockpiles from erosion, protected with sediment trapping measures, and where possible, be located away from storm drain inlets, waterways, and drainage channels.
- g. The Permittee must minimize the amount of soil exposed during construction activity.
- h. The Permittee must minimize the disturbance of steep slopes.
- i. The Permittee must minimize soil compaction and, unless infeasible, preserve topsoil.

#### 6. Protect Slopes

- a. The Permittee must design and construct cut-and-fill slopes in a manner to minimize erosion. Applicable practices include, but are not limited to, reducing continuous length of slope with terracing and diversions, reducing slope steepness, and roughening slope surfaces (for example, track walking).
- b. The Permittee must divert off-site stormwater (run-on) or groundwater away from slopes and disturbed areas with interceptor dikes, pipes, and/or swales. Off-site stormwater should be managed separately from stormwater generated on the site.
- c. At the top of slopes, collect drainage in pipe slope drains or protected channels to prevent erosion.

- i. West of the Cascade Mountains Crest: Temporary pipe slope drains must handle the peak 10-minute flow rate from a Type 1A, 10-year, 24-hour frequency storm for the developed condition. Alternatively, the 10-year, 1-hour flow rate predicted by an approved continuous runoff model, increased by a factor of 1.6, may be used. The hydrologic analysis must use the existing land cover condition for predicting flow rates from tributary areas outside the project limits. For tributary areas on the project site, the analysis must use the temporary or permanent project land cover condition, whichever will produce the highest flow rates. If using the Western Washington Hydrology Model (WWHM) to predict flows, bare soil areas should be modeled as "landscaped area."
- ii. East of the Cascade Mountains Crest: Temporary pipe slope drains must handle the expected peak flow rate from a 6-month, 3-hour storm for the developed condition, referred to as the short duration storm.
- d. Place excavated material on the uphill side of trenches, consistent with safety and space considerations.
- e. Place check dams at regular intervals within constructed channels that are cut down a slope.

#### 7. Protect Drain Inlets

- a. Protect all storm drain inlets made operable during construction so that stormwater runoff does not enter the conveyance system without first being filtered or treated to remove sediment.
- b. Clean or remove and replace inlet protection devices when sediment has filled onethird of the available storage (unless a different standard is specified by the product manufacturer).

#### 8. Stabilize Channels and Outlets

- a. Design, construct and stabilize all on-site conveyance channels to prevent erosion from the following expected peak flows:
  - i. West of the Cascade Mountains Crest: Channels must handle the peak 10-minute flow rate from a Type 1A, 10-year, 24-hour frequency storm for the developed condition. Alternatively, the 10-year, 1-hour flow rate indicated by an approved continuous runoff model, increased by a factor of 1.6, may be used. The hydrologic analysis must use the existing land cover condition for predicting flow rates from tributary areas outside the project limits. For tributary areas on the project site, the analysis must use the temporary or permanent project land cover condition, whichever will produce the highest flow rates. If using the WWHM to predict flows, bare soil areas should be modeled as "landscaped area."
  - ii. East of the Cascade Mountains Crest: Channels must handle the expected peak flow rate from a 6-month, 3-hour storm for the developed condition, referred to as the short duration storm.
- b. Provide stabilization, including armoring material, adequate to prevent erosion of outlets, adjacent stream banks, slopes, and downstream reaches at the outlets of all conveyance systems.

#### 9. Control Pollutants

Design, install, implement and maintain effective pollution prevention measures to minimize the discharge of pollutants. The Permittee must:

- a. Handle and dispose of all pollutants, including waste materials and demolition debris that occur on site in a manner that does not cause contamination of stormwater.
- b. Provide cover, containment, and protection from vandalism for all chemicals, liquid products, petroleum products, and other materials that have the potential to pose a threat to human health or the environment. Minimize storage of hazardous materials on-site. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) should be supplied for all materials stored. Chemicals should be kept in their original labeled containers. On-site fueling tanks must include secondary containment. Secondary containment means placing tanks or containers within an impervious structure capable of containing 110% of the volume of the largest tank within the containment structure. Double-walled tanks do not require additional secondary containment.
- c. Conduct maintenance, fueling, and repair of heavy equipment and vehicles using spill prevention and control measures. Clean contaminated surfaces immediately following any spill incident.
- d. Discharge wheel wash or tire bath wastewater to a separate on-site treatment system that prevents discharge to surface water, such as closed-loop recirculation or upland land application, or to the sanitary sewer with local sewer district approval.
- e. Apply fertilizers and pesticides in a manner and at application rates that will not result in loss of chemical to stormwater runoff. Follow manufacturers' label requirements for application rates and procedures.
- f. Use BMPs to prevent contamination of stormwater runoff by pH-modifying sources. The sources for this contamination include, but are not limited to: bulk cement, cement kiln dust, fly ash, new concrete washing and curing waters, recycled concrete stockpiles, waste streams generated from concrete grinding and sawing, exposed aggregate processes, dewatering concrete vaults, concrete pumping and mixer washout waters. (Also refer to the definition for "concrete wastewater" in Appendix A Definitions.)
- g. Adjust the pH of stormwater or authorized non-stormwater if necessary to prevent an exceedance of groundwater and/or surface water quality standards.
- h. Assure that washout of concrete trucks is performed off-site or in designated concrete washout areas only. Do not wash out concrete truck drums onto the ground, or into storm drains, open ditches, streets, or streams. Washout of small concrete handling equipment may be disposed of in a formed area awaiting concrete where it will not contaminate surface or groundwater. Do not dump excess concrete on site, except in designated concrete washout areas. Concrete spillage or concrete discharge directly to groundwater or surface waters of the State is

- prohibited. At no time shall concrete be washed off into the footprint of an area where an infiltration BMP will be installed.
- i. Obtain written approval from Ecology before using any chemical treatment, with the exception of CO<sub>2</sub>, dry ice or food grade vinegar, to adjust pH.
- j. Uncontaminated water from water-only based shaft drilling for construction of building, road, and bridge foundations may be infiltrated provided the wastewater is managed in a way that prohibits discharge to surface waters. Prior to infiltration, water from water-only based shaft drilling that comes into contact with curing concrete must be neutralized until pH is in the range of 6.5 to 8.5 (su).

#### 10. Control Dewatering

- a. Permittees must discharge foundation, vault, and trench dewatering water, which have characteristics similar to stormwater runoff at the site, in conjunction with BMPs to reduce sedimentation before discharge to a sediment trap or sediment pond.
- b. Permittees may discharge clean, non-turbid dewatering water, such as well-point groundwater, to systems tributary to, or directly into surface waters of the State, as specified in Special Condition S9.D.8, provided the dewatering flow does not cause erosion or flooding of receiving waters. Do not route clean dewatering water through stormwater sediment ponds. Note that "surface waters of the State" may exist on a construction site as well as off site; for example, a creek running through a site.
- c. Other dewatering treatment or disposal options may include:
  - i. Infiltration
  - ii. Transport off site in a vehicle, such as a vacuum flush truck, for legal disposal in a manner that does not pollute state waters.
  - iii. Ecology-approved on-site chemical treatment or other suitable treatment technologies (See S9.D.9.i, regarding chemical treatment written approval).
  - iv. Sanitary or combined sewer discharge with local sewer district approval, if there is no other option.
  - v. Use of a sedimentation bag with discharge to a ditch or swale for small volumes of localized dewatering.
- d. Permittees must handle highly turbid or contaminated dewatering water separately from stormwater.

#### 11. Maintain BMPs

- a. Permittees must maintain and repair all temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control BMPs as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function in accordance with BMP specifications.
- Permittees must remove all temporary erosion and sediment control BMPs within 30 days after achieving final site stabilization or after the temporary BMPs are no longer needed.

#### 12. Manage the Project

- a. Phase development projects to the maximum degree practicable and take into account seasonal work limitations.
- b. Inspect, maintain and repair all BMPs as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function. Conduct site inspections and monitoring in accordance with Special Condition S4.
- c. Maintain, update, and implement the SWPPP in accordance with Special Conditions S3, S4, and S9.

# 13. Protect Low Impact Development (LID) BMPs

The primary purpose of on-site LID Stormwater Management is to reduce the disruption of the natural site hydrology through infiltration. LID BMPs are permanent facilities.

- a. Permittees must protect all LID BMPs (including, but not limited to, Bioretention and Rain Garden facilities) from sedimentation through installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control BMPs on portions of the site that drain into the Bioretention and/or Rain Garden facilities. Restore the BMPs to their fully functioning condition if they accumulate sediment during construction. Restoring the facility must include removal of sediment and any sediment-laden bioretention/ rain garden soils, and replacing the removed soils with soils meeting the design specification.
- b. Permittees must maintain the infiltration capabilities of LID BMPs by protecting against compaction by construction equipment and foot traffic. Protect completed lawn and landscaped areas from compaction due to construction equipment.
- c. Permittees must control erosion and avoid introducing sediment from surrounding land uses onto permeable pavements. Do not allow muddy construction equipment on the base material or pavement. Do not allow sediment-laden runoff onto permeable pavements or base materials.
- d. Permittees must clean permeable pavements fouled with sediments or no longer passing an initial infiltration test using local stormwater manual methodology or the manufacturer's procedures.
- e. Permittees must keep all heavy equipment off existing soils under LID BMPs that have been excavated to final grade to retain the infiltration rate of the soils.

#### E. SWPPP - Map Contents and Requirements

The Permittee's SWPPP must also include a vicinity map or general location map (for example, a USGS quadrangle map, a portion of a county or city map, or other appropriate map) with enough detail to identify the location of the construction site and receiving waters within one mile of the site.

The SWPPP must also include a legible site map (or maps) showing the entire construction site. The following features must be identified, unless not applicable due to site conditions.

- 1. The direction of north, property lines, and existing structures and roads.
- 2. Cut and fill slopes indicating the top and bottom of slope catch lines.

- 3. Approximate slopes, contours, and direction of stormwater flow before and after major grading activities.
- Areas of soil disturbance and areas that will not be disturbed.
- 5. Locations of structural and nonstructural controls (BMPs) identified in the SWPPP.
- 6. Locations of off-site material, stockpiles, waste storage, borrow areas, and vehicle/equipment storage areas.
- 7. Locations of all surface water bodies, including wetlands.
- Locations where stormwater or non-stormwater discharges off-site and/or to a surface waterbody, including wetlands.
- 9. Location of water quality sampling station(s), if sampling is required by state or local permitting authority.
- 10. Areas where final stabilization has been accomplished and no further construction-phase permit requirements apply.
- 11. Location or proposed location of LID facilities.

# **S10. NOTICE OF TERMINATION**

Partial terminations of permit coverage are not authorized.

- **A.** The site is eligible for termination of coverage when it has met any of the following conditions:
- The site has undergone final stabilization, the Permittee has removed all temporary BMPs (except biodegradable BMPs clearly manufactured with the intention for the material to be left in place and not interfere with maintenance or land use), and all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity have been eliminated; or
- 2. All portions of the site that have not undergone final stabilization per Special Condition S10.A.1 have been sold and/or transferred (per Special Condition S2.A), and the Permittee no longer has operational control of the construction activity; *or*
- 3. For residential construction only, the Permittee has completed temporary stabilization and the homeowners have taken possession of the residences.
- **B.** When the site is eligible for termination, the Permittee must submit a complete and accurate Notice of Termination (NOT) form, signed in accordance with General Condition G2, to:

Department of Ecology Water Quality Program - Construction Stormwater PO Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696 When an electronic termination form is available, the Permittee may choose to submit a complete and accurate Notice of Termination (NOT) form through the Water Quality Permitting Portal rather than mailing a hardcopy as noted above.

The termination is effective on the 31st calendar day following the date Ecology receives a complete NOT form, unless Ecology notifies the Permittee that termination request is denied because the Permittee has not met the eligibility requirements in Special Condition S10.A.

Permittees are required to comply with all conditions and effluent limitations in the permit until the permit has been terminated.

Permittees transferring the property to a new property owner or operator/Permittee are required to complete and submit the Notice of Transfer form to Ecology, but are not required to submit a Notice of Termination form for this type of transaction.

# **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

# G1. DISCHARGE VIOLATIONS

All discharges and activities authorized by this general permit must be consistent with the terms and conditions of this general permit. Any discharge of any pollutant more frequent than or at a level in excess of that identified and authorized by the general permit must constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit.

# G2. SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

- **A.** All permit applications must bear a certification of correctness to be signed:
  - 1. In the case of corporations, by a responsible corporate officer.
  - 2. In the case of a partnership, by a general partner of a partnership.
  - 3. In the case of sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.
  - 4. In the case of a municipal, state, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
- **B.** All reports required by this permit and other information requested by Ecology (including NOIs, NOTs, and Transfer of Coverage forms) must be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
  - 1. The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and submitted to Ecology.
  - The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility, such as the position of plant manager, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters.
- C. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under paragraph G2.B.2 above is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph G2.B.2 above must be submitted to Ecology prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
- **D.** Certification. Any person signing a document under this section must make the following certification:

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 persons 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 knowing violations.

### G3. RIGHT OF INSPECTION AND ENTRY

The Permittee must allow an authorized representative of Ecology, upon the presentation of credentials and such other documents as may be required by law:

- **A.** To enter upon the premises where a discharge is located or where any records are kept under the terms and conditions of this permit.
- **B.** To have access to and copy, at reasonable times and at reasonable cost, any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit.
- **C.** To inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, methods, or operations regulated or required under this permit.
- **D.** To sample or monitor, at reasonable times, any substances or parameters at any location for purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act.

### G4. GENERAL PERMIT MODIFICATION AND REVOCATION

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173-226 WAC. Grounds for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **A.** When a change occurs in the technology or practices for control or abatement of pollutants applicable to the category of dischargers covered under this permit.
- **B.** When effluent limitation guidelines or standards are promulgated pursuant to the CWA or Chapter 90.48 RCW, for the category of dischargers covered under this permit.
- **C.** When a water quality management plan containing requirements applicable to the category of dischargers covered under this permit is approved, or
- **D.** When information is obtained that indicates cumulative effects on the environment from dischargers covered under this permit are unacceptable.

### G5. REVOCATION OF COVERAGE UNDER THE PERMIT

Pursuant to Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 173-226 WAC, the Director may terminate coverage for any discharger under this permit for cause. Cases where coverage may be terminated include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **A.** Violation of any term or condition of this permit.
- **B.** Obtaining coverage under this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts.
- **C.** A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.
- **D.** Failure or refusal of the Permittee to allow entry as required in RCW 90.48.090.
- **E.** A determination that the permitted activity endangers human health or the environment, or contributes to water quality standards violations.
- **F.** Nonpayment of permit fees or penalties assessed pursuant to RCW 90.48.465 and Chapter 173-224 WAC.

**G.** Failure of the Permittee to satisfy the public notice requirements of WAC 173-226-130(5), when applicable.

The Director may require any discharger under this permit to apply for and obtain coverage under an individual permit or another more specific general permit. Permittees who have their coverage revoked for cause according to WAC 173-226-240 may request temporary coverage under this permit during the time an individual permit is being developed, provided the request is made within ninety (90) days from the time of revocation and is submitted along with a complete individual permit application form.

# G6. REPORTING A CAUSE FOR MODIFICATION

The Permittee must submit a new application, or a supplement to the previous application, whenever a material change to the construction activity or in the quantity or type of discharge is anticipated which is not specifically authorized by this permit. This application must be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to any proposed changes. Filing a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not relieve the Permittee of the duty to comply with the existing permit until it is modified or reissued.

### G7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS AND STATUTES

Nothing in this permit will be construed as excusing the Permittee from compliance with any applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

### G8. DUTY TO REAPPLY

The Permittee must apply for permit renewal at least 180 days prior to the specified expiration date of this permit. The Permittee must reapply using the electronic application form (NOI) available on Ecology's website. Permittees unable to submit electronically (for example, those who do not have an internet connection) must contact Ecology to request a waiver and obtain instructions on how to obtain a paper NOI.

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# G9. REMOVED SUBSTANCE

The Permittee must not re-suspend or reintroduce collected screenings, grit, solids, sludges, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of stormwater to the final effluent stream for discharge to state waters.

### G10. DUTY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

The Permittee must submit to Ecology, within a reasonable time, all information that Ecology may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee must also submit to Ecology, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit [40 CFR 122.41(h)].

# G11. OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF 40 CFR

All other requirements of 40 CFR 122.41 and 122.42 are incorporated in this permit by reference.

### G12. ADDITIONAL MONITORING

Ecology may establish specific monitoring requirements in addition to those contained in this permit by administrative order or permit modification.

## G13. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING PERMIT CONDITIONS

Any person who is found guilty of willfully violating the terms and conditions of this permit shall be deemed guilty of a crime, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Each day upon which a willful violation occurs may be deemed a separate and additional violation.

Any person who violates the terms and conditions of a waste discharge permit shall incur, in addition to any other penalty as provided by law, a civil penalty in the amount of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for every such violation. Each and every such violation shall be a separate and distinct offense, and in case of a continuing violation, every day's continuance shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation.

### G14. UPSET

Definition – "Upset" means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology-based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of the following paragraph are met.

A Permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset must demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence that: 1) an upset occurred and that the Permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset; 2) the permitted facility was being properly operated at the time of the upset; 3) the Permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in Special Condition S5.F, and; 4) the Permittee complied with any remedial measures required under this permit.

In any enforcement proceeding, the Permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

# **G15.** PROPERTY RIGHTS

This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

# G16. DUTY TO COMPLY

The Permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

### G17. TOXIC POLLUTANTS

The Permittee must comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, even if this permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

### G18. PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING

The Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than two years per violation, or by both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this condition, punishment shall be a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than four (4) years, or both.

### G19. REPORTING PLANNED CHANGES

The Permittee must, as soon as possible, give notice to Ecology of planned physical alterations, modifications or additions to the permitted construction activity. The Permittee should be aware that, depending on the nature and size of the changes to the original permit, a new public notice and other permit process requirements may be required. Changes in activities that require reporting to Ecology include those that will result in:

- A. The permitted facility being determined to be a new source pursuant to 40 CFR 122.29(b).
- **B.** A significant change in the nature or an increase in quantity of pollutants discharged, including but not limited to: a 20% or greater increase in acreage disturbed by construction activity.
- **C.** A change in or addition of surface water(s) receiving stormwater or non-stormwater from the construction activity.
- **D.** A change in the construction plans and/or activity that affects the Permittee's monitoring requirements in Special Condition S4.

Following such notice, permit coverage may be modified, or revoked and reissued pursuant to 40 CFR 122.62(a) to specify and limit any pollutants not previously limited. Until such modification is effective, any new or increased discharge in excess of permit limits or not specifically authorized by this permit constitutes a violation.

### G20. REPORTING OTHER INFORMATION

Where the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to Ecology, it must promptly submit such facts or information.

### G21. REPORTING ANTICIPATED NON-COMPLIANCE

The Permittee must give advance notice to Ecology by submission of a new application or supplement thereto at least forty-five (45) days prior to commencement of such discharges, of any facility expansions, production increases, or other planned changes, such as process modifications, in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit limits or conditions. Any maintenance of facilities, which might necessitate unavoidable interruption of

operation and degradation of effluent quality, must be scheduled during non-critical water quality periods and carried out in a manner approved by Ecology.

# G22. REQUESTS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE PERMIT

Any discharger authorized by this permit may request to be excluded from coverage under the general permit by applying for an individual permit. The discharger must submit to the Director an application as described in WAC 173-220-040 or WAC 173-216-070, whichever is applicable, with reasons supporting the request. These reasons will fully document how an individual permit will apply to the applicant in a way that the general permit cannot. Ecology may make specific requests for information to support the request. The Director will either issue an individual permit or deny the request with a statement explaining the reason for the denial. When an individual permit is issued to a discharger otherwise subject to the construction stormwater general permit, the applicability of the construction stormwater general permit to that Permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit.

# G23. APPEALS

- **A.** The terms and conditions of this general permit, as they apply to the appropriate class of dischargers, are subject to appeal by any person within 30 days of issuance of this general permit, in accordance with Chapter 43.21B RCW, and Chapter 173-226 WAC.
- **B.** The terms and conditions of this general permit, as they apply to an individual discharger, are appealable in accordance with Chapter 43.21B RCW within 30 days of the effective date of coverage of that discharger. Consideration of an appeal of general permit coverage of an individual discharger is limited to the general permit's applicability or nonapplicability to that individual discharger.
- **C.** The appeal of general permit coverage of an individual discharger does not affect any other dischargers covered under this general permit. If the terms and conditions of this general permit are found to be inapplicable to any individual discharger(s), the matter shall be remanded to Ecology for consideration of issuance of an individual permit or permits.

# **G24. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

# G25. BYPASS PROHIBITED

#### A. Bypass Procedures

Bypass, which is the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, is prohibited for stormwater events below the design criteria for stormwater management. Ecology may take enforcement action against a Permittee for bypass unless one of the following circumstances (1, 2, 3 or 4) is applicable.

- 1. Bypass of stormwater is consistent with the design criteria and part of an approved management practice in the applicable stormwater management manual.
- 2. Bypass for essential maintenance without the potential to cause violation of permit limits or conditions.

Bypass is authorized if it is for essential maintenance and does not have the potential to cause violations of limitations or other conditions of this permit, or adversely impact public health.

3. Bypass of stormwater is unavoidable, unanticipated, and results in noncompliance of this permit.

This bypass is permitted only if:

- a. Bypass is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which would cause them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass.
- b. There are no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime (but not if adequate backup equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventative maintenance), or transport of untreated wastes to another treatment facility.
- c. Ecology is properly notified of the bypass as required in Special Condition S5.F of this permit.
- 4. A planned action that would cause bypass of stormwater and has the potential to result in noncompliance of this permit during a storm event.

The Permittee must notify Ecology at least thirty (30) days before the planned date of bypass. The notice must contain:

- a. A description of the bypass and its cause
- b. An analysis of all known alternatives which would eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the need for bypassing.
- c. A cost-effectiveness analysis of alternatives including comparative resource damage assessment.
- d. The minimum and maximum duration of bypass under each alternative.
- e. A recommendation as to the preferred alternative for conducting the bypass.
- f. The projected date of bypass initiation.
- g. A statement of compliance with SEPA.
- h. A request for modification of water quality standards as provided for in WAC 173-201A-110, if an exceedance of any water quality standard is anticipated.
- i. Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the bypass.
- 5. For probable construction bypasses, the need to bypass is to be identified as early in the planning process as possible. The analysis required above must be considered during

preparation of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and must be included to the extent practical. In cases where the probable need to bypass is determined early, continued analysis is necessary up to and including the construction period in an effort to minimize or eliminate the bypass.

Ecology will consider the following before issuing an administrative order for this type bypass:

- a. If the bypass is necessary to perform construction or maintenance-related activities essential to meet the requirements of this permit.
- b. If there are feasible alternatives to bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, stopping production, maintenance during normal periods of equipment down time, or transport of untreated wastes to another treatment facility.
- c. If the bypass is planned and scheduled to minimize adverse effects on the public and the environment.

After consideration of the above and the adverse effects of the proposed bypass and any other relevant factors, Ecology will approve, conditionally approve, or deny the request. The public must be notified and given an opportunity to comment on bypass incidents of significant duration, to the extent feasible. Approval of a request to bypass will be by administrative order issued by Ecology under RCW 90.48.120.

#### B. Duty to Mitigate

The Permittee is required to take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

# **APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS**

**AKART** is an acronym for "All Known, Available, and Reasonable methods of prevention, control, and Treatment." AKART represents the most current methodology that can be reasonably required for preventing, controlling, or abating the pollutants and controlling pollution associated with a discharge.

**Applicable TMDL** means a TMDL for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorus, which was completed and approved by EPA before January 1, 2021, or before the date the operator's complete permit application is received by Ecology, whichever is later. TMDLs completed after a complete permit application is received by Ecology become applicable to the Permittee only if they are imposed through an administrative order by Ecology, or through a modification of permit coverage.

Applicant means an operator seeking coverage under this permit.

**Benchmark** means a pollutant concentration used as a permit threshold, below which a pollutant is considered unlikely to cause a water quality violation, and above which it may. When pollutant concentrations exceed benchmarks, corrective action requirements take effect. Benchmark values are not water quality standards and are not numeric effluent limitations; they are indicator values.

**Best Management Practices (BMPs)** means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other physical, structural and/or managerial practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs include treatment systems, operating procedures, and practices to control stormwater associated with construction activity, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

**Buffer** means an area designated by a local jurisdiction that is contiguous to and intended to protect a sensitive area.

Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.

**Calendar Day** A period of 24 consecutive hours starting at 12:00 midnight and ending the following 12:00 midnight.

**Calendar Week** (same as **Week**) means a period of seven consecutive days starting at 12:01 a.m. (0:01 hours) on Sunday.

**Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL)** means a person who has current certification through an approved erosion and sediment control training program that meets the minimum training standards established by Ecology (See BMP C160 in the SWMM).

**Chemical Treatment** means the addition of chemicals to stormwater and/or authorized non-stormwater prior to filtration and discharge to surface waters.

**Clean Water Act (CWA)** means the Federal Water Pollution Control Act enacted by Public Law 92-500, as amended by Public Laws 95-217, 95-576, 96-483, and 97-117; USC 1251 et seq.

**Combined Sewer** means a sewer which has been designed to serve as a sanitary sewer and a storm sewer, and into which inflow is allowed by local ordinance.

Common Plan of Development or Sale means a site where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules and/or by different contractors, but still under a single plan. Examples include: 1) phased projects and projects with multiple filings or lots, even if the separate phases or filings/lots will be constructed under separate contract or by separate owners (e.g., a development where lots are sold to separate builders); 2) a development plan that may be phased over multiple years, but is still under a consistent plan for long-term development; 3) projects in a contiguous area that may be unrelated but still under the same contract, such as construction of a building extension and a new parking lot at the same facility; and 4) linear projects such as roads, pipelines, or utilities. If the project is part of a common plan of development or sale, the disturbed area of the entire plan must be used in determining permit requirements.

Composite Sample means a mixture of grab samples collected at the same sampling point at different times, formed either by continuous sampling or by mixing discrete samples. May be "time-composite" (collected at constant time intervals) or "flow-proportional" (collected either as a constant sample volume at time intervals proportional to stream flow, or collected by increasing the volume of each aliquot as the flow increases while maintaining a constant time interval between the aliquots.

Concrete Wastewater means any water used in the production, pouring and/or clean-up of concrete or concrete products, and any water used to cut, grind, wash, or otherwise modify concrete or concrete products. Examples include water used for or resulting from concrete truck/mixer/pumper/tool/chute rinsing or washing, concrete saw cutting and surfacing (sawing, coring, grinding, roughening, hydrodemolition, bridge and road surfacing). When stormwater comingles with concrete wastewater, the resulting water is considered concrete wastewater and must be managed to prevent discharge to waters of the State, including groundwater.

**Construction Activity** means land disturbing operations including clearing, grading or excavation which disturbs the surface of the land (including off-site disturbance acreage related to construction-support activity). Such activities may include road construction, construction of residential houses, office buildings, or industrial buildings, site preparation, soil compaction, movement and stockpiling of topsoils, and demolition activity.

**Construction Support Activity** means off-site acreage that will be disturbed as a direct result of the construction project and will discharge stormwater. For example, off-site equipment staging yards, material storage areas, borrow areas, and parking areas.

**Contaminant** means any hazardous substance that does not occur naturally or occurs at greater than natural background levels. See definition of "hazardous substance" and WAC 173-340-200.

**Contaminated soil** means soil which contains contaminants, pollutants, or hazardous substances that do not occur naturally or occur at levels greater than natural background.

**Contaminated groundwater** means groundwater which contains contaminants, pollutants, or hazardous substances that do not occur naturally or occur at levels greater than natural background.

**Demonstrably Equivalent** means that the technical basis for the selection of all stormwater BMPs is documented within a SWPPP, including:

- 1. The method and reasons for choosing the stormwater BMPs selected.
- 2. The pollutant removal performance expected from the BMPs selected.

- 3. The technical basis supporting the performance claims for the BMPs selected, including any available data concerning field performance of the BMPs selected.
- 4. An assessment of how the selected BMPs will comply with state water quality standards.
- 5. An assessment of how the selected BMPs will satisfy both applicable federal technology-based treatment requirements and state requirements to use all known, available, and reasonable methods of prevention, control, and treatment (AKART).

**Department** means the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**Detention** means the temporary storage of stormwater to improve quality and/or to reduce the mass flow rate of discharge.

Dewatering means the act of pumping groundwater or stormwater away from an active construction site.

**Director** means the Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology or his/her authorized representative.

**Discharger** means an owner or operator of any facility or activity subject to regulation under Chapter 90.48 RCW or the Federal Clean Water Act.

**Domestic Wastewater** means water carrying human wastes, including kitchen, bath, and laundry wastes from residences, buildings, industrial establishments, or other places, together with such groundwater infiltration or surface waters as may be present.

**Ecology** means the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**Engineered Soils** means the use of soil amendments including, but not limited, to Portland cement treated base (CTB), cement kiln dust (CKD), or fly ash to achieve certain desirable soil characteristics.

**Equivalent BMPs** means operational, source control, treatment, or innovative BMPs which result in equal or better quality of stormwater discharge to surface water or to groundwater than BMPs selected from the SWMM.

**Erosion** means the wearing away of the land surface by running water, wind, ice, or other geological agents, including such processes as gravitational creep.

**Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs** means BMPs intended to prevent erosion and sedimentation, such as preserving natural vegetation, seeding, mulching and matting, plastic covering, filter fences, sediment traps, and ponds. Erosion and sediment control BMPs are synonymous with stabilization and structural BMPs.

**Federal Operator** is an entity that meets the definition of "Operator" in this permit and is either any department, agency or instrumentality of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Federal government of the United States, or another entity, such as a private contractor, performing construction activity for any such department, agency, or instrumentality.

**Final Stabilization** (same as **fully stabilized** or **full stabilization**) means the completion of all soil disturbing activities at the site and the establishment of permanent vegetative cover, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as pavement, riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) which will prevent erosion. See the applicable Stormwater Management Manual for more information on vegetative cover expectations and equivalent permanent stabilization measures.

**Groundwater** means water in a saturated zone or stratum beneath the land surface or a surface waterbody.

Hazardous Substance means any dangerous or extremely hazardous waste as defined in RCW 70.105.010 (5) and (6), or any dangerous or extremely dangerous waste as designated by rule under chapter 70.105 RCW; any hazardous sub-stance as defined in RCW 70.105.010(14) or any hazardous substance as defined by rule under chapter 70.105 RCW; any substance that, on the effective date of this section, is a hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the federal cleanup law, 42U.S.C., Sec. 9601(14); petroleum or petroleum products; and any substance or category of substances, including solid waste decomposition products, determined by the director by rule to present a threat to human health or the environment if released into the environment. The term hazardous substance does not include any of the following when contained in an underground storage tank from which there is not a release: crude oil or any fraction thereof or petroleum, if the tank is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local law.

Injection Well means a well that is used for the subsurface emplacement of fluids. (See Well.)

Jurisdiction means a political unit such as a city, town or county; incorporated for local self-government.

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)** means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring, and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the Federal Clean Water Act, for the discharge of pollutants to surface waters of the State from point sources. These permits are referred to as NPDES permits and, in Washington State, are administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**Notice of Intent (NOI)** means the application for, or a request for coverage under this general permit pursuant to WAC 173-226-200.

**Notice of Termination (NOT)** means a request for termination of coverage under this general permit as specified by Special Condition S10 of this permit.

**Operator** means any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:

- The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or
- The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project that are necessary to ensure compliance with a SWPPP for the site or other permit conditions (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the SWPPP or comply with other permit conditions).

Permittee means individual or entity that receives notice of coverage under this general permit.

**pH** means a liquid's measure of acidity or alkalinity. A pH of 7 is defined as neutral. Large variations above or below this value are considered harmful to most aquatic life.

**pH Monitoring Period** means the time period in which the pH of stormwater runoff from a site must be tested a minimum of once every seven days to determine if stormwater pH is between 6.5 and 8.5.

**Point Source** means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, and container from which pollutants are or may be discharged to surface waters of the State. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture. (See the Fact Sheet for further explanation)

**Pollutant** means dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, domestic sewage sludge (biosolids), munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, and industrial, municipal, and agricultural waste. This term does not include sewage from vessels within the meaning of section 312 of the CWA, nor does it include dredged or fill material discharged in accordance with a permit issued under section 404 of the CWA.

**Pollution** means contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of waters of the State; including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters; or such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive or other substance into any waters of the State as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety or welfare; or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses; or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

**Process Wastewater** means any non-stormwater which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. If stormwater commingles with process wastewater, the commingled water is considered process wastewater.

**Receiving Water** means the waterbody at the point of discharge. If the discharge is to a storm sewer system, either surface or subsurface, the receiving water is the waterbody to which the storm system discharges. Systems designed primarily for other purposes such as for groundwater drainage, redirecting stream natural flows, or for conveyance of irrigation water/return flows that coincidentally convey stormwater are considered the receiving water.

**Representative** means a stormwater or wastewater sample which represents the flow and characteristics of the discharge. Representative samples may be a grab sample, a time-proportionate *composite sample*, or a flow proportionate sample. Ecology's Construction Stormwater Monitoring Manual provides guidance on representative sampling.

Responsible Corporate Officer for the purpose of signatory authority means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures (40 CFR 122.22).

Sanitary Sewer means a sewer which is designed to convey domestic wastewater.

**Sediment** means the fragmented material that originates from the weathering and erosion of rocks or unconsolidated deposits, and is transported by, suspended in, or deposited by water.

**Sedimentation** means the depositing or formation of sediment.

Sensitive Area means a waterbody, wetland, stream, aquifer recharge area, or channel migration zone.

**SEPA** (State Environmental Policy Act) means the Washington State Law, RCW 43.21C.020, intended to prevent or eliminate damage to the environment.

**Significant Amount** means an amount of a pollutant in a discharge that is amenable to available and reasonable methods of prevention or treatment; or an amount of a pollutant that has a reasonable potential to cause a violation of surface or groundwater quality or sediment management standards.

**Significant Concrete Work** means greater than 1000 cubic yards placed or poured concrete or recycled concrete used over the life of a project.

**Significant Contributor of Pollutants** means a facility determined by Ecology to be a contributor of a significant amount(s) of a pollutant(s) to waters of the State of Washington.

Site means the land or water area where any "facility or activity" is physically located or conducted.

**Source Control BMPs** means physical, structural or mechanical devices or facilities that are intended to prevent pollutants from entering stormwater. A few examples of source control BMPs are erosion control practices, maintenance of stormwater facilities, constructing roofs over storage and working areas, and directing wash water and similar discharges to the sanitary sewer or a dead end sump.

**Stabilization** means the application of appropriate BMPs to prevent the erosion of soils, such as, temporary and permanent seeding, vegetative covers, mulching and matting, plastic covering and sodding. See also the definition of Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs.

**Storm Drain** means any drain which drains directly into a *storm sewer system*, usually found along roadways or in parking lots.

**Storm Sewer System** means a means a conveyance, or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater. This does not include systems which are part of *a combined sewer* or Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW), as defined at 40 CFR 122.2.

**Stormwater** means that portion of precipitation that does not naturally percolate into the ground or evaporate, but flows via overland flow, interflow, pipes, and other features of a stormwater drainage system into a defined surface waterbody, or a constructed infiltration facility.

**Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM)** or **Manual** means the technical Manual published by Ecology for use by local governments that contain descriptions of and design criteria for BMPs to prevent, control, or treat pollutants in stormwater.

**Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)** means a documented plan to implement measures to identify, prevent, and control the contamination of point source discharges of stormwater.

**Surface Waters of the State** includes lakes, rivers, ponds, streams, inland waters, salt waters, and all other surface waters and water courses within the jurisdiction of the state of Washington.

**Temporary Stabilization** means the exposed ground surface has been covered with appropriate materials to provide temporary stabilization of the surface from water or wind erosion. Materials include, but are not limited to, mulch, riprap, erosion control mats or blankets and temporary cover crops. Seeding alone is not considered stabilization. Temporary stabilization is not a substitute for the more permanent "final stabilization."

**Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)** means a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet state water quality standards. Percentages of the total maximum daily load are allocated to the various pollutant sources. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable loads of a single pollutant from all contributing point and nonpoint sources. The TMDL calculations must include a "margin of safety" to ensure that the waterbody can be protected in case there are unforeseen events or unknown sources of the pollutant. The calculation must also account for seasonable variation in water quality.

**Transfer of Coverage (TOC)** means a request for transfer of coverage under this general permit as specified by Special Condition S2.A of this permit.

**Treatment BMPs** means BMPs that are intended to remove pollutants from stormwater. A few examples of treatment BMPs are detention ponds, oil/water separators, biofiltration, and constructed wetlands.

**Transparency** means a measurement of water clarity in centimeters (cm), using a 60 cm transparency tube. The transparency tube is used to estimate the relative clarity or transparency of water by noting the depth at which a black and white Secchi disc becomes visible when water is released from a value in the bottom of the tube. A transparency tube is sometimes referred to as a "turbidity tube."

**Turbidity** means the clarity of water expressed as nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs) and measured with a calibrated turbidimeter.

Uncontaminated means free from any contaminant. See definition of "contaminant" and WAC 173-340-200.

**Upset** means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

**Waste Load Allocation (WLA)** means the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or future point sources of pollution. WLAs constitute a type of water quality based effluent limitation (40 CFR 130.2[h]).

**Water-Only Based Shaft Drilling** is a shaft drilling process that uses water only and no additives are involved in the drilling of shafts for construction of building, road, or bridge foundations.

**Water Quality** means the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of water, usually with respect to its suitability for a particular purpose.

Waters of the State includes those waters as defined as "waters of the United States" in 40 CFR Subpart 122.2 within the geographic boundaries of Washington State and "waters of the State" as defined in Chapter 90.48 RCW, which include lakes, rivers, ponds, streams, inland waters, underground waters, salt

waters, and all other surface waters and water courses within the jurisdiction of the state of Washington.

**Well** means a bored, drilled or driven shaft, or dug hole whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension. (See **Injection Well**.)

Wheel Wash Wastewater means any water used in, or resulting from the operation of, a tire bath or wheel wash (BMP C106: Wheel Wash), or other structure or practice that uses water to physically remove mud and debris from vehicles leaving a construction site and prevent track-out onto roads. When stormwater comingles with wheel wash wastewater, the resulting water is considered wheel wash wastewater and must be managed according to Special Condition S9.D.9.

# **APPENDIX B - ACRONYMS**

**AKART** All Known, Available, and Reasonable Methods of Prevention,

Control, and Treatment

**BMP** Best Management Practice

**CESCL** Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead

**CFR** Code of Federal Regulations

CKD Cement Kiln Dust cm Centimeters

**CPD** Common Plan of Development

CTB Cement-Treated Base
CWA Clean Water Act

**DMR** Discharge Monitoring Report

EPA Environmental Protection Agency
ERTS Environmental Report Tracking System

**ESC** Erosion and Sediment Control

FR Federal Register

LID Low Impact Development

NOI Notice of Intent
NOT Notice of Termination

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

**RCW** Revised Code of Washington

SEPA State Environmental Policy Act
SWMM Stormwater Management Manual
SWPPP Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

TMDL Total Maximum Daily Load

**UIC** Underground Injection Control

**USC** United States Code

**USEPA** United States Environmental Protection Agency

WAC Washington Administrative Code

**WQ** Water Quality

**WWHM** Western Washington Hydrology Model