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Mr. Jay Manning
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Dear Mr. Manning:

In March 2003, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) submitted an application for coverage under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal stormwater and state waste discharge permits. At the time, WSDOT envisioned statewide coverage based upon then-available information on the permit program. As the Department of Ecology (Ecology) program has progressed over the past two years, particularly with respect to how the permits will be implemented, it has become apparent that coverage for the WSDOT permit should coincide with the Phase I and Phase II boundaries. Therefore, WSDOT wishes to modify its application to limit the applicability of our NPDES municipal stormwater permit to those boundaries. Once Ecology has formally published the area boundaries for the Phase I and Phase II permits, WSDOT will amend the maps and list of facilities contained in the original application. No other change is envisioned to the application.

WSDOT looks forward to the continuing good working relationship with the Department of Ecology as the new permits are issued. The WSDOT staff contact for development of this permit is Mr. Larry Schaffner, Stormwater Team Lead in the Environmental Services Office. Mr. Schaffner can be reached at (360) 570-6657 or Schaffl@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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