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Copy: Scott Carey
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April 28, 2006

Megan White, Director of Environmental Services
Transportation Bldg, Environmental Service Office
P.O. Box 47300
Olympia, WA 98504-7331

Dear Ms. ~~White~~ Megan:

RE: Coverage under the Aquatic Plant and Algae Management General Permit
Permit Number: WAG-994022
Site Name: WSDOT
Location: Throughout Washington State

The Washington Department of Ecology has reviewed your application for coverage under an Aquatic Pesticide General NPDES Permit (permit). We have considered the suitability of granting coverage under the permit and deem it appropriate to grant coverage for the activities described in your application submitted on February 28, 2006. Coverage for your activity commences on April 28, 2006 and expires on April 1, 2011. Retain this letter with your permit. It is the official record of permit coverage for your operations.

Use the permit number above in any future correspondence, updated application for the site, or telephone messages when contacting Ecology. Some examples of the type of correspondence could be as follows:

1. Appointment of a new contact person and/or telephone number.
2. Changes in the operation and management of aquatic pesticides.
3. Submittal of a Notice of Termination because the aquatic pesticide use has terminated or your activity no longer requires NPDES permit coverage.

Read the permit carefully. As a permittee, you are legally obligated to comply with its terms and conditions.

Permit Enforcement and Inspections

Ecology staff have the legal right to inspect any treatment either while the treatment is taking place, or after the treatment has occurred. If you have questions about inspections, please contact your regional Ecology inspector, Margaret Hill at (360) 407-0246 or mhil461@ecy.wa.gov.

Permit Fees

State law (RCW 90.48.465) requires that all permit holders pay an annual permit fee. The permit fee totals $338 per state fiscal year. The state fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of any given year. The Department shall notify permit holders of fee charges by mailed billing statements. Annual billing notices will be mailed to you each August.

If you would like more information on the fee process, contact Bev Poston, Fee Administrator, Department of Ecology at (360) 407-6425.

Appeal

You, or a third party, may appeal the decision to issue a general permit for your activities. The appeal is limited to the general permit's applicability or non-applicability to your particular activity, not the permit itself. An appeal may be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903 within thirty days from the effective date of the permit. In addition, a copy of the appeal must be served on the Department of Ecology, PO Box 47696, Olympia, Washington 98504-7696.

Ecology Technical Assistance

If you still have questions after reviewing your permit, have technical questions regarding your permit, or need more information about other requirements, please contact Kelly McLain at (360) 407-6938 or kelm461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Winters

Nancy L. Winters, Section Manager
Program Development Services Section
Water Quality Program

cc: Bev Poston, FMS, WQ