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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dan C. Thompson, Acting Assistant Public Works Director
City of Tacoma
Public Works Department, Environmental Services
747 Market Street, Room 408
Tacoma, Washington 98402-3769

Re: Request for Permit Application under the NPDES Program for Storm Water
Discharges to the Puyallup River and other Waters
Subject to Federal and Tribal Jurisdiction

Dear Mr. Thompson:

During our April 21, 2009, meeting between the City of Tacoma (City), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Puyallup Tribe, we discussed the outfalls owned and operated by the City that discharge municipal storm water runoff to waters of the United States subject to Federal and Tribal jurisdiction. Specifically, the City identified the Cleveland Way Pump Station and the T-Street Gulch Basin Outfall as examples of such outfalls.

At the meeting, we confirmed the need for EPA-issued permit(s) authorizing such discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program.

Upon review of the City's storm sewer system maps and a map of Puyallup Tribal Settlement Agreement Lands and Tribal Trust Lands, we find that the following outfalls also discharge to waters subject to Tribal and Federal jurisdiction, and require authorization to discharge under an EPA-issued NPDES permit(s):

Outfall Identifier	Receiving Waterbody	Reference Maps
HD 103	Blair Waterway	<u>City of Tacoma Stormwater System</u> , Environmental Services Division, Public Works Dept., City of Tacoma (Nov. 2007) Document ID: <i>GPSdatarequest/mike kennedy stormwater_wall_mapa-vanpelt</i> <u>Outfalls On Puyallup Tribal Lands</u> (no date), Document ID: <i>c:\GPSdatarequest\jburk\outfalls\tribal_land-vanpelt</i>
HD 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 66	Hylebos Waterway, in the vicinity of McMurray Gulch and Corski Gulch	

Therefore, pursuant to the NPDES permit application requirements for "large" and "medium" municipal separate storm sewer discharges at 40 CFR §122.26(d), we request that the City submit a permit application for all of the above referenced outfalls no later than 180 days from the receipt date of this letter.

Because the permit application requirements for large and medium municipal separate storm sewer discharges require a two-part application that was to be submitted in the past, we have enclosed a streamlined permit application package. These modified application requirements consolidate and summarize the information required by regulations at 40 CFR 122.26(d)(1) and (2). With the concurrence of the Puyallup Tribe, we have exercised our discretion to adapt these permit application requirements to the City's existing and ongoing storm water management program.

Please send the application package to my attention at the address above no later than 180 days from the receipt of this letter. We request that a copy of the complete application package also be sent directly to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians at the following address:

Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Natural Resources Department
3009 E. Portland Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98404
c/o Char Naylor, Water Quality Manager

If you have questions about this permit application process, please contact Misha Vakoc of my staff at (206) 553-6650 or vakoc.misha@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures

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