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Reply to Attn of: OWW-191

Ms. Melanie Bengtson  
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island  
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Oak Harbor, Washington 98278

Re: Additional Monitoring Requirements for Naval Air Station Whidbey Island under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit, Permit Reference No. WAR05F305

Dear Ms. Bengtson:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of additional monitoring requirements that must be implemented at your facility to maintain permit coverage under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2015 Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (MSGP).

When MSGP was last reissued in 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) formally required additional monitoring of discharges to Puget Sound to protect juvenile salmon. In order to obtain NMFS' concurrence that the facility's storm water discharges would not likely adversely affect endangered species or critical habitat, Puget Sound dischargers must conduct additional monitoring for hardness, zinc, and copper, and conduct corrective actions until their discharges are below the target levels.

Specific Requirements

Pursuant to Part 6.2.5 of the MSGP, the Facility is required to conduct storm water monitoring for copper and zinc following the standard benchmark monitoring procedures outlined in the MSGP at Part 6.2.1, with the variation that the monitoring must be conducted monthly, rather than quarterly, as per NMFS. Monitoring is to evaluate discharges from outfalls A-4A, previously known as OAF-4A, and S-3D, previously known as OSB-3D.

Parameter	Target (marine waters)
Copper (Cu)	14 µg/L
Zinc (Zn)	117 µg/L

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret McCauley of my staff at (206) 553-1772 or [mccauley.margaret@epa.gov](mailto:mccauley.margaret@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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