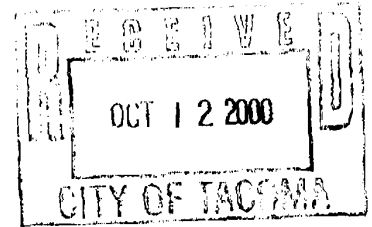




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October 9, 2000

Mr. John O'Loughlin
Tacoma Public Works
747 Market St, Room 420
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Mr. O'Loughlin:

Re: Corps of Engineers Reference 1999-4-00766
State Letter of Verification

The Department of Ecology has received the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' letter dated July 14, 2000, authorizing the issuance of nationwide permit (NWP) 27 for the proposed discharge of spawning gravel and the placement of weirs in Swan Creek at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington. After reviewing your proposal, I have determined that it is consistent with the conditions the Department of Ecology previously approved for water quality certification and coastal zone management act (CZM) consistency for NWP 27.

Swan Creek, waterbody segment WA-10-1022, (WRIA #10, Class A water of the state) is on the current 303(d) list of impaired water bodies for exceeding water quality standards for fecal coliform. This project shall not result in further exceedances of that standard, and will be out of compliance with this certification if discharges from the project exceed limits for those contaminants identified in 173-201A-030(2) WAC and/or 173-201A-040 WAC.

This letter serves to verify that your project may proceed as described in the authorization letter issued by the Corps of Engineers, provided the proposal is constructed and/or operated in accordance with the Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington contained in Chapter 173-201A of the Washington Administrative Code. Please note this letter of verification does not exempt, and is provisional upon compliance with other statutes and codes administered by federal, state and local agencies.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of verification, please call me at (360) 407-6926.

Sincerely,

Helen E. Pressley
Federal Permit Coordinator
Southwest Regional Office

cc: Jack Gossett, Corps
Linda Rankin, Ecology

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