



## King County

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RE: Annual Report for NPDES Permits WASM13001, WASM23001, and WASM33001

Dear Ms. White:

As the new manager of King County's Water and Land Resources Division, I am delighted to be writing to report to you on the status of our stormwater management program (SWMP) as required under condition S10 of our Municipal Stormwater General Permits (numbers WASM13001, WASM23001, and WASM 33001), which were issued on July 5, 1995. The focus of this report is on compliance activities for calendar year 2001. I have included a narrative piece that briefly addresses the report elements enumerated in the permits. I have also included a variety of reporting tables and other information to provide more detail on the programs described in our Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). As a whole, our program continues very much as it was described in the SWMP submitted for your approval in March 1997.

I have learned that our report for calendar year 1998 included information on the incorporation or annexation of a substantial portion of the urban areas in the Lake Sammamish Basin along with a request that in recognition of this changed circumstance and of County programs in the remaining unincorporated areas, Ecology would no longer withhold its approval of the Lake Sammamish component of the County's SWMP. The Appendix to this year's report also contains a map showing the current status of annexations and incorporations in the Lake Sammamish Basin, and from it, you will see how little of the urban area remains in the County's jurisdiction. You will also find, from reading the first section of this report, that the water quality of Lake Sammamish has been well within the goals set in the Lake Sammamish Water Quality Management Plan. Accordingly, our request for full approval of the Lake Sammamish portion of our SWMP still stands, still awaiting an Ecology response.

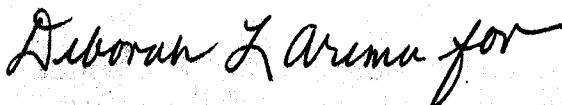
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I have also learned that we have been corresponding for some time now on the subject of the equivalency of the Ecology and King County stormwater design manuals. Your letter of November 8, 1999, among other items, accepted ordinance changes affecting runoff that my staff had proposed as part of the new Site Alterations Ordinance that has been in process for some time. We expected that the ordinance would be adopted by June of 2000, and your acceptance of the changes was contingent on their implementation by July of 2000. Unfortunately, the timeline for the adoption of these changes has slipped considerably. As they are considered to be part of the changes required by the County's ESA response, they have been packaged with other ordinances for the Council's consideration. Last year, large portions of those ordinances were remanded to the Department of Development and Environmental Services for a substantial rewrite. We are uncertain as to when the package will again come before the Council, though we are hopeful that it will be some time this year. In the meantime, Ecology has adopted a new stormwater management manual that applies to us and we are in the process of drafting updates to our manual to achieve equivalency with your new one.

I certify under penalty of law, that this document (the report enclosed) and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for willful violations.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (206) 296-6585, or Luanne Coachman at (206) 296-8381 to discuss this report and the appended materials.

Sincerely,



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Manager

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Enclosures

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