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Mami Hara
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Sent by email only: mami.hara@seattle.gov

WAR044503

RE: Preliminary Approval of City of Seattle Stormwater Manual and Municipal Code

Dear Mami Hara:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed our review of the changes to the *Seattle Municipal Code* and the *Seattle Stormwater Manual*, as effective January 1, 2016 for the purpose of determining equivalency to the required portions of Ecology's *2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW)*, as outlined in Special Condition S5.C.5.b of the 2019-2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit). Ecology limited its review, based on the previous approval of your local program as functionally equivalent to the SWMMWW as amended in 2014, to changes submitted in the format outlined in Appendix 10 of the Permit, and communication that followed. This letter serves as our response as required by S5.C.5.b.iii. Our preliminary determination is that the items reviewed are equivalent, with the exception of the items specified below that will require further communication before they can be deemed equivalent to the *2019 SWMMWW*.

- SMC 22.805.070 – Minimum Requirements for On-site Stormwater Management
- SMC 22.805.090- Minimum Requirements for Treatment
- Volume 1 Section 2.1 – Defining Boundaries of a Project Site
- Volume 1 Section 5.4 – Water Quality Treatment
- Volume 3 – All tables relating to Pre-Sizing calculations for Best Management Practices denoting which tables have maintained the calculations from the previously approved 2016 Seattle Stormwater Manual and which have been modified.
- Volume 3 – Section 5.3.7 – Sidewalk/Trail Compost Amended Strip and associated modelling

Your revised program is required to be adopted by July 1, 2021. If changes are made to the items listed above during your legislative or administrative adoption processes, those changes will need further Ecology review. Ecology’s determination will not become final until after Ecology conducts a public review process associated with a future modification of Appendix 10 of the Phase I Permit.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of your team to develop revised stormwater management regulations and rules.

Please contact me at ccro461@ecy.wa.gov or 425-429-4571 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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