

# Municipal Stormwater General Permits

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# Municipal Stormwater General Permits

## Three Municipal Stormwater Permits

- Phase I permit – (4 Counties, 2 Cities)
- W WA phase II permit (4 Counties, 81 Cities)
- E WA phase II permit (8 Counties, 20 Cities)

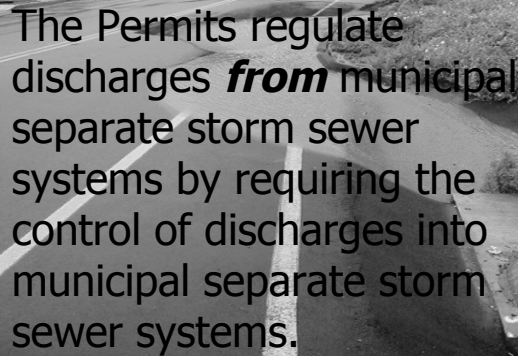
### Plus....

- "Secondary Permittees"



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## Municipal Stormwater General Permits



The Permits regulate discharges **from** municipal separate storm sewer systems by requiring the control of discharges into municipal separate storm sewer systems.

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### Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or MS4:

- A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) which is:
- Owned by a State, City, County, or other public entity; and
- Designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater.

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## Municipal Separate Storm Sewer



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Municipally owned – more than cities and counties, also includes (secondary permittees):

- Ports
- Public colleges and universities
- School districts
- Irrigation, diking, and flood control districts
- State Agencies (Parks, General Administration, Corrections)

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## History – how did we get here?

- May 2005 – Preliminary drafts of the Phase I and W WA Phase II permits out for 3 month comment period
- July 2005 – Preliminary draft of the E WA phase II permit out for 3 month public comment period
- February 2006 final drafts of the three permits out for second 3 month comment period
- January 17, 2007 - Permits issued
- February 16, 2007 – Permits are effective



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## Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Appeals

Total of 13 appeals filed  
plus  
3 requests to intervene



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## Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Appeals

### Phase I Permit Appealed by:

- Clark County
- Pierce County
- City of Tacoma
- Snohomish County
- Port of Seattle
- Puget Soundkeeper Alliance/People for Puget Sound
- Pacific Corp and Puget Sound Energy

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## Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Appeals

### Requests to intervene in the Phase I Permit Appeal by:

- City of Seattle
- Port of Tacoma
- King County

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# Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Appeals

## Western Washington Phase II Permit Appealed by:

- Coalition of 31 cities and 1 county
- Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District
- Puget Soundkeeper Alliance/People for Puget Sound
- Whatcom County

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# Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Appeals

## Eastern Washington Phase II Permit Appealed by:

- Coalition of 31 cities and 1 county
- Washington State University

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## Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Appeal Issues



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Copies of all appeals are available on Ecology's web site at:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/municipal\\_stormwater\\_permit\\_appeals.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/municipal_stormwater_permit_appeals.html)

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## Municipal Stormwater General Permits – Implementation

- ✓ Permits are in effect
- ✓ Permit workshops – Ecology technical assistance
- ✓ Stormwater funding for local governments

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## Washington Stormwater Permitting Update

Questions?



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