



Water Quality Program

Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

Permittee: PORT OF BELLINGHAM

Permit Number: WAR045707

Site Address: 1801 Roeder Ave
Bellingham, WA 98225

Submittal Name: MS4 Annual Report Secondary

Version: 1

Due Date: 3/31/2025

Questionnaire

Number	Permit Section	Question	Answer
1	S9.E.5	Attach a map of any jurisdictional boundary changes resulting in an increase or decrease in the Secondary Permittee's geographic area of coverage during the reporting period. (Required annually, S9.E.5)	Not Applicable
2	S5.A.2	Attach updated annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan). (S5.A.2)	SWMP_R16 (3-8-2025)F_2_03102025120514
3	S9.E.5	If applicable, identify other entities relied on to satisfy any of the obligations under the Permit. (S9.E.4)	Not Applicable
4	S6.D.1.a	Labeled all storm drain inlets owned or operated by the Secondary Permittee that are located in maintenance yards, in parking lots, along sidewalks, and at pedestrian access points. (New Secondary Permittees -Required no later than four years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.1.a)	Yes
5	S6.D.1.a	Re-labeled all storm drain inlets with labels when no longer clearly visible and/or easily readable within 90 days. (Required no later than four years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.1.a)	Yes
6	S6.D.1.b	(Public ports, colleges, and universities only) Distributed educational information to tenants and residents about the impact of stormwater discharges on receiving waters and steps that can be taken to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. (Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.1.b)	Yes
7	S6.D.2	Made the annual report and SWMP Plan available on website. (Required no later than May 31, annually, S6.D.2.a. and b.)	Yes
8	S6.D.3.a	Complied with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the local jurisdiction(s) that govern non-stormwater discharges. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.a)	Yes

9	S6.D.3.b	Implemented policies to prohibit illicit discharges, and identified enforcement mechanisms. (New Secondary Permittees Required no later than one year from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.b)	Yes
10	S6.D.3.b	Updated policies to prohibit illicit discharges, and identified enforcement mechanisms. (New Secondary Permittees – Required no later than one year from initial date of Permit coverage, S6.D.3.b)	Not Applicable
11	S6.D.3.b	Implemented an enforcement plan to ensure compliance with policies to prohibit illicit discharges. (New Secondary Permittees – Required no later than 18 months from initial date of Permit coverage, S6.D.3.b)	Yes
12	S6.D.3.c	Developed a map of the storm sewer system showing all known storm drain outfalls, receiving waters, and areas contributing runoff to each outfall. (New Secondary Permittees Required no later than four and one half years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.c)	Yes
15	S6.D.3.c	Conducted field inspections and visually inspected for illicit discharges at approximately one third of all known MS4 outfalls. (Required no later than two years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.d)	Yes
16	S6.D.3.d	Implemented procedures to identify and remove illicit discharges. (Required no later than two years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.d)	Yes
17	S6.D.3.d	Attach a summary of each illicit discharge discovered and actions taken to eliminate each of the discharges. (S6.D.3.d)	Illicit Discharge Detection an_17_03102025120850
18	S6.D.3.e	Implemented a spill response plan that includes coordination with a qualified spill responder. (Required no later than four and one-half years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.e)	Yes
19	S6.D.3.f	Provided staff training or coordinated with existing training to educate staff on proper BMPs for preventing illicit discharges, including spills as described in S6.D.3.f. (Required no later than two years from initial date of permit coverage)	Yes
20	S6.D.4.a	Complied with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the local jurisdiction(s) that govern construction phase stormwater pollution prevention activities, if applicable. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.a)	Yes
21	S6.D.4.b	Ensured that all applicable construction projects under the functional control of the Secondary Permittee obtained NPDES permit coverage. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.b)	Yes
22	S6.D.4.c	Coordinated with local jurisdictions on construction projects owned or operated by other entities that discharge into Secondary Permittee's MS4 as per S6.D.4.c. (Required after initial date of Permit coverage)	Yes

23	S6.D.4.d	Provided training for relevant staff in erosion and sediment control BMPs and requirements, or hired trained contractors to perform the work for all construction projects owned and operated by the Secondary Permittee. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.d)	Yes
24	S5.D.4.e	Provided access, as requested, for inspection of construction sites under the control of the Secondary Permittee during the land disturbing activity and/or construction period. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.e)	Yes
25	S6.D.5.a	Complied with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the local jurisdiction(s) that govern post-construction stormwater pollution prevention activities, including proper operation and maintenance of the MS4. (Required after initial date of permit coverage date, S6.D.5.a)	Yes
26	S6.D.5.b	Coordinated with local jurisdiction regarding projects owned or operated by other entities which discharge into the Secondary Permittee's MS4. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.5.b)	Yes
27	S6.D.6.a	Implemented an Operation and Maintenance program. (New Secondary Permittees Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a)	Yes
29	S6.D.5.a.i	Established and implemented maintenance standards for stormwater collection and conveyance systems as described in S6.D.6.a.i. (New Secondary Permittees Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a.i)	Yes
30	S6.D.6.a.i	Conducted spot checks of potentially damaged stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities after major storms. (New Secondary Permittees Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a.i)	Yes
31	S6.D.6.a.viii	Developed and implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) for material storage areas, heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards not covered by another NPDES permit that authorizes stormwater discharges associated with the activity. (New Secondary Permittees Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a.viii)	Yes
32	S6.D.6.b	Have NPDES permit coverage for Industrial Stormwater General Permit for all applicable industrial facilities operated by the Permittee, or another NPDES permit that authorizes surface water discharges associated with the activity. (New Secondary Permittees Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.b)	Yes
33	S6.D.6.d	Implemented a program designed to train staff to carry out the Operations and Maintenance plan as described in S6.D.6.d. (Required by three years from initial date of permit coverage)	Yes

34	S7	Is there an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) applicable to stormwater discharges from a MS4 owned or operated by the Permittee? (S7)	No
35	S7	Complied with the specific requirements identified in Appendix 2. (S7.A)	Not Applicable
36	S7	Attach status report of TMDL implementation. (S7.A)	Not Applicable
37	S7.A	Notified Ecology of the failure to comply with the permit terms and conditions within 30 days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. (G20)	Not Applicable
38	S7.A	Notified Ecology immediately in cases where the Permittee becomes aware of a discharge into or from the Permittee's MS4 which may constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. (G3)	Yes
39	G20	Took appropriate action to correct or minimize discharges into or from the MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. (G3.A)	Yes
40	S4.F.3.d	If applicable, attached a summary of the status of implementation of any actions taken pursuant to S4.F, and the status of any monitoring, assessment, or evaluation efforts conducted during the reporting period. (S4.F.3.d)	Not Applicable

I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate 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 knowing violations.

Rob Fix

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Signature

Date

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Reporting

Year: 2024

Incident Date

Discovered: 5/8/2024 Begin Response: 5/8/2024 End Response: 5/28/2024

How was the incident discovered or reported to you?

Direct report to your staff

Other:

Discharge to MS4?

Yes—notified Ecology

Incident Location

Address: Marine Park 100 Harris Avenue, City: Bellingham

or

Latitude: , Longitude:

Pollutants Identified

Other (Explain)

Other: Potable water discharge from an irrigation water line break. Water did not appear turbid.

Source of Cause

Landscape-related business

Other: Irrigation water line break in Marine Park.

Source tracing approaches used

Not applicable

Other:

Correction/Elimination methods used

Structural source control BMP

Other:

Field notes, explanations, and/or other comments

Port staff were notified of an irrigation water line break in Marine Park on May 8, 2024 by a member of the public. Staff were already on site at the time of the notification. An estimated 100 gallons of potable water was released and flowed over a rocky area before entering a storm drain. The potable water discharge did not appear cloudy or turbid. The affected catch basin drains to a detention BMP under the parking area prior to entering the City of Bellingham's storm sewer system in Marine Park and discharging to Bellingham Bay. The water valve was turned off immediately, and remained off until a crew was available to make the necessary repairs. Ecology was notified on the day of the incident, ERTS #730756.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Reporting

Year: 2024

Incident Date

Discovered: 8/28/2024 Begin Response: 8/28/2024 End Response: 8/28/2024

How was the incident discovered or reported to you?

MS4 inspection or screening

Other:

Discharge to MS4?

Yes—notified Ecology

Incident Location

Address: 900 Block of C Street, City: Bellingham

or

Latitude: , Longitude:

Pollutants Identified

Other wastewater

Other (Explain)

Other: Vacuum sweeper waste liquids from catch basin cleaning.

Source of Cause

Other accident/spill

Other:

Source tracing approaches used

Not applicable

Other:

Correction/Elimination methods used

Clean-up

Operational source control BMP

Other:

Field notes, explanations, and/or other comments

The Port of Bellingham Maintenance division was conducting stormwater system inspections and cleaning. A catch basin was being pumped and the seal on the vacuum sweeper was not fully engaged causing the catch basin contents to leak out of the vehicle to the roadway. About 2-3 gallons spilled back to the catch basin that was being pumped and approximately 48 gallons spilled to the roadway. The seal on the vacuum sweeper was properly closed and the basin was re-vacuumed. The roadway was cleaned using the vacuum sweeper. Ecology was notified, ERTS #733364.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Reporting

Year: 2024

Incident Date

Discovered: 12/20/2024 Begin Response: 12/20/2024 End Response: 12/26/2024

How was the incident discovered or reported to you?

Staff referral

Other:

Discharge to MS4?

Yes—notified Ecology

Incident Location

Address: 4255 Mitchell Way, City: Bellingham WA 98226

or

Latitude: , Longitude:

Pollutants Identified

Fuel and/or vehicle fluids

Other:

Source of Cause

Unconfirmed, unspecified, or not identified

Other (Explain)

Other: Assumed to be a minor oil leak from a vehicle driving past the airport terminal.

Source tracing approaches used

Not applicable

Other:

Correction/Elimination methods used

Clean-up

Operational source control BMP

Other:

Field notes, explanations, and/or other comments

An oily sheen was observed by Port staff near the public bus stop in front of the main airport terminal. By the time it was observed, it had already mixed with rainfall, flowed towards a storm drain and entered the drain. Airport Operations opened the storm drain and inserted oil absorbent pads and boom which they left in place in the basin to allow for maximum recovery of any sheen. Additional oil-only absorbents were deployed on the pavement surface to clean up the remaining sheen. The source of the sheen could not be identified, but it was assumed a vehicle traveling through the drive lane had a minor oil leak. There was no concentrated puddle of a spilled material observed. The storm drain in question drains to a stormwater detention vault in the terminal parking lot. The absorbents were collected from the affected drain the following week. Port staff reported the incident to Ecology, ERTS #735900.