

# Construction Stormwater General Permit

## High Turbidity / Low Transparency Reporting



**REMINDER:** Sites covered under the Construction Stormwater General Permit (Permit) must take specific reporting and adaptive management actions in order to comply with permit requirements when obtaining high turbidity results (greater than or equal to **250 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs)**) or low transparency results (less than or equal to **6 centimeters**).

### **Within 24 hours:**

Call or submit an electronic report to the applicable Ecology Region's Environmental Report Tracking System (ERTS).<sup>\*</sup> By telephone, state "**I am reporting a (*high turbidity or low transparency*) construction stormwater discharge of (*your sample result in NTUs or centimeters*).**" Include the following information:

1. Your Name/Phone Number
2. Permit Number
3. City/County of Project
4. Date/Time of Call
5. Date/Time of Sample
6. Project Name

### **Daily:**

Continue to sample your stormwater discharge every day until:

- Your discharge turbidity sample result is 25 NTUs or lower; or,
- Your transparency sample result is 33 centimeters or greater; or,
- Your discharge turbidity is no more than five NTUs over background (if the receiving water background is less than 50 NTUs); or,
- Your discharge turbidity is no more than ten percent over background (if the receiving water background is 50 NTUs or greater); or,
- Your discharge stops or is eliminated.

### **Within Seven days:**

Review your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for compliance with Permit Condition S9, and make appropriate revisions.

### **Within Ten days:**

Fully implement and maintain appropriate source control best management practices (BMPs) and/or treatment to address the problem. If ten days is not feasible, Ecology may approve an extension **provided the request is filed with Ecology within the initial ten-day response period.**

### **Within Fourteen days (Upon Request):**

Upon receipt of a written request from Ecology, provide a copy of your plans and records containing the responsive actions taken and planned to address high turbidity/low transparency results, including the sample result(s), SWPPP revisions, and site log book documentation of BMP installation and maintenance.

### **\*ERTS Phone Numbers & Counties**

**Central Region** (Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton): (509) 575-2490

**Eastern Region** (Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman): (509) 329-3400

**Northwest Region** (Kitsap, Snohomish, Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom): (425) 649-7000

**Southwest Region** (Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, Pierce, Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum, Clallam, Jefferson, Pacific): (360) 407-6300