

Western Washington Municipal Stormwater Permits –

2019-2019 Permit extension guidance

The Western Washington Phase I and Phase II permits expire on July 31, 2018.

After careful consideration of many factors, we have decided to extend the current (2013-2018) Western Washington Permits for one year. The Permits will reissue on July 1, 2019, and become effective on August 1, 2019.

- The extension will allow us to consider information from ongoing research on effectiveness of stormwater management actions, as well as conduct a review of submittals on permit requirements that are due late in the current permit cycle.
- The extension will allow for more time to engage with the public and stakeholders during the process of permit development.

Extending our permit cycle will allow us to reissue the Western and Eastern Municipal Stormwater Permits at the same time, ensuring an inclusive process for the whole State.

WWA Permit Extension FAQs:

Will my NPDES permit fee remain the same during this one-year permit extension?

The permit extension has no impact on permit fees. Permit fees are based on the state's fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends on June 30. Ecology adopted by rule [WAC 173-224 - Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees](#), which contains a fee schedule for collecting Ecology's expenses for issuing and administering wastewater and stormwater discharge permits. See page 15: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ruledev/wac173224/17-19ProposedPermitFeesDRAFT1-19-17.pdf>

Will I have a payment to the Special Condition 8 monitoring collective fund during this one-year permit extension? If so, will my payment amount stay the same?

During the permit extension, your annual payment for the Stormwater Action Monitoring program (SAM, formerly RSMP) is due August 15, 2018. The payment amount is the same as your municipality's annual payment amount published in S8.B, S8.C, and S8.D according to your opt-in/out choices made at the beginning of the 2013 permit term. Payments in the 2019 permit will be due according to that permit's schedule.

Will Ecology be issuing a one-year permit for Aug 1, 2018-July 31, 2019?

No, a one-year permit will not be issued. In accordance with WAC 173-226-220(3), the current (2013-2018) Permits will remain in effect during the extension for all permittees who reapply on-time.

Do the permit deadlines associated with the year 2018 now extend to 2019?

No, the permit deadlines stated in the permit are in effect and do not extend. Implementation of the permit must continue over the course of the permit extension. For example, the field screening program (PH I S5.C.8.c; PH II S5.C.3.c) must screen on average 12% of the Permittee's known conveyance system each year. This program must continue after August 1, 2018. This expectation of continuing program implementation until new deadlines of the 2019 permit are in effect translates to other permit requirements as well. Contact your [regional permit planner](#) or permit writer if you have any specific questions.

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Table 1: Reporting/Notification requirements

Permit Section	Submittal or Minimum Performance Measure	Frequency or Timeframe
S4.F – Compliance with Standards	Written notification of cause or contribution to water quality standards violation	As needed
S5.C.3.d – IDDE & G3	Respond to all illicit discharges, including spills, which are determined to constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. Report to Ecology any discharge into or from the MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare or the environment.	Immediately Within 24 hours of attaining knowledge of discharge/spill
S9 - Reporting	Keep all records related to the permit for at least five years. Submit an annual report for the previous calendar year using WQwebportal	Mar 31, 2018 & March 31, 2019
G18 Duty to Reapply	Apply for permit renewal no later than 180 days before permit expiration.	No later than Feb. 1, 2018
G20 Non-compliance notification	Notify Ecology of permit non-compliance.	Within 30 days of becoming aware

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Table 2: Permit program implementation. The table provide guidance on program implementation during the extension year of 8/1/18-8/1/19. The Permit provides the complete requirements and must continue to be followed. Any item missing from the table below, but included in the Permit, must continue to be implemented.

Program Component	2017	Jan-July 31, 2018	Aug 1, 2018-July 31, 2019
S5.A. Stormwater Management Plan	Continue to track costs, actions and activities. Continue required internal and suggested external coordination and SWMP Plan submittal w/annual report. Update SWMP Plan annually.		
S5.C.1 Public Education and Outreach	Continue public education and outreach program, including creating or partnering to offer stewardship opportunities.		
S5.C.2 Public Involvement	Continue to provide ongoing opportunities for the public to participate in SWMP decision-making. Post online annual reports and SWMP Plan for previous calendar year by 5/31 of each year.		
S5.C.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)	By Dec 31: Field screen at least 40% of MS4 & on average 12% each year thereafter.*	By Feb 2: Update ordinance if needed. Storm system map is complete and maps are kept updated.	Continue implementing the enforceable mechanism to prohibit illicit discharges, compliance strategy, IDDE and municipal staff training, citizen hotline and IDDE response, and maintain map of MS4. Continue program to field screen on average 12% of MS4. Continue to track and maintain records of IDDE activities

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Program Component	2017	Jan-July 31, 2018	Aug 1, 2018-July 31, 2019
S5.C.4.a-f Control Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment and Construction Sites	<p>By March 31: Submit summary of review & revision of codes to reduce impervious surface, protect vegetation, minimize SW.</p> <p>By June 30**: Cowlitz County – update SW code to revised Appendix 1 standards; review, revise, make effective development codes to make LID preferred approach.</p>	Achieve at least 80% of scheduled inspections.	Continue to implement ordinance addressing construction/post-construction runoff controls; make NOIs for construction, industrial stormwater permits available; site plan review & permitting, requiring long-term maintenance; inspections; training; and enforcement.
S5.C.4.g Watershed-scale stormwater planning (selected permittees***)		By Apr.4: Submit final watershed-scale stormwater plan	
S5.C.5 Municipal Pollution Prevention, Operation and Maintenance	By August 1: Inspect all catch basins or document alternatives if used. Plan to complete inspections every 2 years thereafter.*	Achieve 95% of inspections for municipal stormwater treatment/flow control BMPs/facilities and catch basins.	Continue implementation of MS4 maintenance; annually inspect stormwater treatment & flow control BMPs/facilities; stay on track to inspect catch basins every 2 years; implement policies and procedures & SWPPPs for municipal activities, lands & facilities; staff training
S7 – Compliance with TMDL requirements	Comply with applicable TMDL requirements listed in Appendix 2 – Continue to implement routine or ongoing requirements.		
S8 Monitoring	2017	Jan-July 31, 2018	Aug 1, 2018-July 31, 2019

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Program Component	2017	Jan-July 31, 2018	Aug 1, 2018-July 31, 2019
S8.A	Continue to provide description in each annual report of stormwater monitoring or stormwater-related studies conducted by permittee or others (except if related to S8.B or S8.C.)		
S8.B Status and trends: option #1	Make payments to RSMP/SAM program		
S8.B Status and trends: option #2	Annual reporting as per Ecology-approved QAPP		
S8.C Effectiveness: option #1	Make payments to RSMP/SAM program		
S8.C Effectiveness: option #2	Annual reporting as per Appendix 9		
S8.D Source ID & Diagnostic monitoring	Make payments to RSMP/SAM program		
S9 Annual Reporting		March 31, 2018 Submit annual report for 2017.	March 31, 2019 Submit annual report for calendar year 2018.

*City of Aberdeen completes requirement by 6/30/2018. Report in fifth year annual report.

**Lewis/Cowlitz county permittees complete requirement by 6/30/2017; City of Aberdeen by 6/30/2018. Report in next annual report.

***Watershed-scale Planning applies to Phase II Permittees within King County’s selected watershed: cities of Redmond and Woodinville