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## Electronic Submission Cover Letter



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### Attachments:

Document Name Or Description	Document Name
Submitted Copy of Record for Yakima County	Copy of Record YakimaCounty Monday March 29 2021 101920---BRB20-002---Notice-of-Approval-of-City-of
WAR046014_24_03222021133234	2020 IDDE_AR_24_03222021133234 Annexation 2020 Selah Area Annexation 2020 Sunnyside area
WAR046014_6_03222021132803	Appendix A - Annual Outreach S_6_03222021132803 BRB20-001 Notice of Intention w Transmittal memo
WAR046014_4a_03222021131549	Internal Coordination Mechanis_4a_03222021131549 Question 30 (S5.B.4.e) and Question 39 (S5.B5.f) R
WAR046014_51_03232021101023	Question 51 (S8.A.1 and A.2.a)_51_03232021101023 Question 9 (S5.B.2.a) Response_jw
WAR046014_2_03222021130606	StormwaterUtilityBoundary2020_2_03222021130606
WAR046014_1_03222021125734	Yakima County SWMP - 2020_1_03222021125734

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I further certify: I had the opportunity to review the content or meaning of the submittal before signing it; and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information submitted is true, accurate, and complete. I intend to submit this information as part of the implementation, oversight, and enforcement of a federal environmental program. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including possible fines and imprisonment.

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## Water Quality Program

### Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

**Permittee:** Yakima County

**Permit Number:** WAR046014

**Site Address:** 128 N 2ND ST  
YAKIMA, WA 98901

**Submittal Name:** MS4 Annual Report Phase II Eastern

**Version:** 1

**Due Date:** 3/31/2021

#### Questionnaire

Number	Permit Section	Question	Answer
1	S5.A.4.	Attach updated annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan) or website address in the Comment field where it can be found. (S5.A.4.)	Yakima County SWMP - 2020_1_03222021125734
1.a	S5.A.4.	Cite website of SWMP if unable to attach	Not Applicable
2	S9.C.6.	Attach a map and copy of any annexations, incorporations, or boundary changes resulting in an increase or decrease in the Permittee's geographic area of permit coverage during the reporting period per S9.C.6.	StormwaterUtilityBoundary2020_2_03222021130606 Comment: See attached files: Annexation 2020 Selah Area, Annexation 2020 Sunnyside Area
3	S5.A.5.a.ii.	Tracked the estimated costs of implementation of each component of the SWMP. (S5.A.5.a.ii.)	Yes
4	S5.A.6.b.	Coordinated among departments within the jurisdiction to eliminate barriers to permit compliance. (S5.A.6.b.)	Yes
4a	S5.A.6.b.	Attach a written description of internal coordination mechanisms among departments within the jurisdiction to eliminate barriers to permit compliance. (Required to be submitted no later than March 31, 2021, S5.A.6.b.)	Internal Coordination Mechanis_4a_03222021131549
5	S5.B.1	Were elements of a regional program implemented to complete any part of your education and outreach program? (S5.B.1)	Yes

5a	S5.B.1	If yes, list the elements, and the regional program	Yakima County is a member of a ILA for stormwater permit compliance activities between Yakima County, Selah, Sunnyside and Union Gap. The ILA establishes the Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG) as an ad-hoc regional group that coordinates on public involvement and public outreach activities under the permit. In 2020, the RSWG had planned to participate in two public events, Arbor-Fest and the Central Washington State Fair, however due to COVID-19 those events were cancelled. The RSWG along with the City of Yakima set up an informational booth at the Dive-thru Food Fair that took place in lieu of the State Fair.
6	S5.B.1.a.i.-iii.	Attach description of public education and outreach programs and stewardship activities conducted per S5.B.1.a.i.-iii.	Appendix A - Annual Outreach S_6_03222021132803
7	S5.B.1.a.ii.	Which types of businesses were targeted per S.5.B.1.a.ii.?	Yakima County distributes illicit discharge prevention education and outreach material that targets a general business audience, applicable for all business owners. Yakima County also targeted landscaping companies with a brochure specific to prevention of pollution from landscaping practices.
8	S5.B.1.b.	Used results of measuring the understanding and adoption of targeted behaviors among at least one audience in at least one subject area to direct education and outreach resources and evaluate changes in adoption of targeted behaviors. (Required no later than December 31, 1347, S5.B.1.b.)	Not Applicable
9	S5.B.2.a.	Describe in Comments field the opportunities created for the public to participate in the decision making processes involving the development, implementation, and updates of the Permittee's SWMP. (S5.B.2.a.)	Please see the attachment named "Question 9 (S5.B2.a) response"

10	S5.B.2.b.	Posted the updated SWMP Plan and latest annual report on your website no later than May 31.	Yes
10a	S5.B.2.b.	List the website address in Comments field. (S5.B.2.b.)	<a href="https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management">https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management</a> Comment: <a href="https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management">https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management</a>
11	S5.B.3.a.	Maintained a map of the MS4 that includes the requirements listed in S5.B.3.a. (Updated maps required no later than August 1, 2023)	Yes
12	S5.B.3.a.i.	Attach a spreadsheet that lists the known outfalls and discharge points, including the outfalls' size and material(s). (Required to update no later than August 1, 2023, S5.B.3.a.i.)	Not Applicable
13	S5.B.3.a.ix.	Developed an electronic format for map, with fully described mapping standards in accordance with S5.B.3.a.ix. (Required no later than August 1, 2021)	Yes
14	S5.B.3.b.	Implemented an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to effectively prohibit non-stormwater, illicit discharges as described in S5.B.3.b.	Yes
15	S.5.B.3.b.vii.	Updated ordinance or regulatory mechanism to meet the requirements of this permit, if necessary. (Required no later than February 2, 2023, S.5.B.3.b.vii.)	Not Applicable
16	S5.B.3.b.vi.	Implemented a compliance strategy, including informal compliance actions as well as enforcement provisions of the regulatory mechanism described in S5.B.3.b. (S5.B.3.b.vi.)	Yes
17	S5.B.3.c.	Implemented procedures for conducting illicit discharge investigations in accordance with S5.B.3.c.	Yes
18	S5.B.3.c.iv.	Percentage of MS4 coverage area screened in reporting year per S5.B.3.c.iv. (Required to screen 12% on average each year, S5.B.3.c.iv.)	93
18a	S5.B.3.c.iv.	Cite field screening techniques used to determine percent of MS4 screened.	Stormwater facility inspections (catchbasins, flow control/treatment facilities)
18b	S5.B.3.c.iv.	Percentage of total MS4 screened from permit effective date through end of the reporting year.	100

19	S5.B.3.c.v.	Describe how you publicized a hotline telephone number for public reporting of spills and other illicit discharges in the Comments field. (S5.B.3.c.v.)	The hotline is publicized on the Yakima County Stormwater website ( <a href="https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management">https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management</a> ), posted in the Public Service Lobby at the Courthouse and is present on all the E&O brochures and handouts/materials.
20	S5.B.3.c.vi.	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all municipal field staff per S5.B.3.c.vi.	Yes
21	S5.B.3.c.vii.	Informed public employees, businesses, and the general public of hazards associated with illicit discharges and improper disposal of waste. Describe actions in Comments field. (S5.B.3.c.vii.)	Yakima County provided informational handouts and brochures for a booth at the Drive-Thru Food Fair to educate the public regarding Stormwater Education and Illicit Discharges. The Drain Rangers program provided educational curriculum and outreach materials to school age children across Yakima County.
22	S5.B.3.d.	Implemented an ongoing program designed to address illicit discharges, including spills and illicit connections into the MS4 per S.5.B.3.d.	Yes
23	S5.B.3.e.	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all staff responsible for implementing the procedures and program, as described in S5.B.3.e.	Yes
24	S5.B.3.f.	Attach a report with data describing the actions taken to investigate, characterize, trace and eliminate each illicit discharge found by or reported to the permittee. The submittal must include all of the applicable information and must follow the format and timelines described in Appendix 7. (S5.B.3.f.)	2020 IDDE_AR_24_0322202 1133234
25	S5.B.4.a.	Implemented an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and enforcement procedures for construction site stormwater runoff control as described in S5.B.4.	Yes
26	S5.B.4.a.i.-iv.	Adopted ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and enforcement procedures for construction site stormwater runoff control as described in S5.B.4.a.i.-iv. (Required no later than December 31, 2022)	Not Applicable
27	S5.B.4.b.	Reviewed site plans for all new development and redevelopment projects as described in S5.B.4.b.	Yes
27a	S5.B.4.b.i.	Number of site plans reviewed during the reporting period. (S5.B.4.b.i.)	14

27b	S5.B.4.b.i.	The number of construction sites that provided their intent to apply for the "Erosivity Waiver" during the reporting period as described in S5.B.4.b.i.	7
27c	S5.B.4.b.i.	The number of complaints investigated about sites that have received an "Erosivity Waiver" . (S5.B.4.b.i.)	0
28	S5.B.4.	Implemented procedures for site inspection and enforcement of construction stormwater pollution control measures. (S5.B.4.)	Yes
28a	S5.B.4.c.i.	Number of permitted construction sites inspected during the reporting period. (S5.B.4.c.i.)	0
28b	S5.B.4.f.	Number of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period based on construction phase inspections at new development and redevelopment projects. (S5.B.4.f.)	0
29	S5.B.4.d.	Trained the staff involved in permitting, plan review, field inspections, and enforcement for construction site runoff control. (S5.B.4.d.)	Yes
30	S5.B.4.e.	Provided information to construction site operators and design professionals about training available on how to comply with the requirements in Appendix 1 and the BMPs in the SWMMEW, or an equivalent document. Describe information provided in the Comments field. (S5.B.4.e.)	Yes
30a	S5.B.4.e.	Describe information provided in the Comments field. (S5.B.4.e.)	Please see attachment named "Question 30 (S5.B.4.e) and Question 39 (S5.B.5.f) Response"
31	S5.B.5.a.	Implemented ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and enforcement procedures to address post-construction stormwater controls runoff to the MS4 from new development and redevelopment as described in S5.B.5.a.	Yes
32	S5.B.5.a.	Revised ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and enforcement procedures to address post-construction stormwater controls runoff to the MS4 from new development and redevelopment as described in S5.B.5.a. (Adopted no later than December 31, 2022)	Not Applicable
33	S5.B.5.b.ii.(a)	Allowed non-structural preventive actions and source reduction approaches such as Low Impact Development (LID) techniques to be used. (S5.B.5.b.ii.(a))	Yes
34	S5.B.5.b.ii.(b)(2)	Required projects approved under S5.B.5. to retain runoff generate on-site for, at a minimum, the 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event or a local equivalent, using either on-site or regional stormwater facilities. (S5.B.5.b.ii.(b)(2))	Yes
35	S5.B.5.d.	Inspected post-construction stormwater controls, including structural BMPs, at new development and redevelopment sites. (S5.B.5.d.)	Yes
35a	S5.B.5.d.i.	Number of new and redeveloped sites inspected during installation of structural BMPs during the reporting period. (S5.B.5.d.i)	0

35b	S5.B.5.d.i.	Number of new and redeveloped sites inspected upon final installation of BMPs or upon completion of the project during the reporting period. (S5.B.5.d.i.)	0
36	S5.B.5.d.ii.	Inspected structural BMPs at least once every five years after final installation. (S5.B.5.d.ii.)	Yes
36a	S5.B.5.d.ii.	Number of BMPs inspected during the reporting period.	2
37	S5.B.5.d.	Number of enforcement actions taken as a result of these inspections during the reporting period? (S5.B.5.d.)	0
38	S5.B.5.e.	Trained the staff involved in permitting, plan review, inspection, and enforcement for post-construction stormwater control. (S5.B.5.e.)	Yes
39	S5.B.5.f.	Provided information to design professionals about training available on how to comply with the requirements in Appendix 1 and apply the BMPs in the SWMMEW, or an equivalent document. (S5.B.5.f.)	Yes
39a	S5.B.5.f.	Describe information provided and cite the manual used	Please see attachment named "Question 30 (S5.B.4.e) and Question 39 (S5.B.5.f) Response"
40	S5.B.6.a.	Reviewed and, if needed, updated Operations and Maintenance Plan. (Required no later than December 31, 2022, S5.B.6.a.)	Not Applicable
41	S5.B.6.a.	Implemented the schedule of Operation and Maintenance activities for municipal operations. (S5.B.6.a.)	Yes
42	S5.B.6.a.i.(f) and (g)	Have NPDES permit coverage for all applicable Permittee construction projects and industrial facilities. (S5.B.6.a.i.(f) and (g))	Yes
43	S5.B.6.a.i.(h)	Implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for all heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards, and material storage facilities owned or operated by the Permittee in areas subject to this Permit that are not required to have coverage under an NPDES permit that covers stormwater discharges associated with the activity. (S5.B.6.a.i.(h))	Yes
44	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Inspected stormwater treatment and flow control facilities (except catch basins) owned or operated by the Permittee at least once every two years. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(a))	Yes Comment: Annual inspection and maintenance takes place between the months of October and March.
44a	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Number of facilities inspected during the reporting period.	472
45	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Inspected municipally owned or operated catch basins and inlets every two years or used an alternative approach? (Required at least once every two years, S5.B.6.a.ii.(b))	Yes Comment: Annual inspection and maintenance takes place between the months of October and March.
45a	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of known catch basins.	1316



45b	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of catch basins inspected during the reporting period.	1221
45c	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of known catch basins cleaned during the reporting period.	620
46	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	If used an alternative to standard schedule for catch basin inspections for all or a portion of the MS4, attach description of the method used. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(b))	Not Applicable
47	S5.B.6.a.ii.(c)	Conducted spot checks of stormwater facilities after major storms. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(c))	Yes
48	S5.B.6.b.	Trained the staff with primary construction, operations, or maintenance job functions that are likely to impact stormwater quality. (S5.B.6.b.)	Yes
49	S7.A.	Complied with the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)-specific requirements identified in Appendix 2. (S7.A.)	Not Applicable
50	S7.A.	For TMDLs listed in Appendix 2: Attach a summary of relevant SWMP and Appendix 2 activities to address the applicable TMDL parameter(s). (S7.A.)	Not Applicable
51	S8.A.	Attach a summary of your participation in effectiveness study development and implementation during the reporting year. (S8.A.1. and S8.A.2.a.)	Question 51 (S8.A.1 and A.2.a)_51_0323202110 1023
56	S8.A.	Was the SWMP updated to include effectiveness study activities? (S8.A.2.f.)	Yes
57	G3.	Notified Ecology in accordance with G3. of any discharge into or from the Permittees MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. (G3.)	Not Applicable
58	G3.A.	Took appropriate action to correct or minimize the threat to human health, welfare, and/or the environment per G3.A.	No
59	G20.	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
60	G20.	Number of non-compliance notifications provided in reporting year. (G20.)	0
61	S4.F.1.	Notified Ecology within 30 days of becoming aware that a discharge from the Permittee's MS4 caused or contributed to a known or likely violation of water quality standards in the receiving water. (S4.F.1.)	Not Applicable
62	S4.F.3.a.	If requested, submitted an Adaptive Management Response report in accordance with S4.F.3.a.	Not Applicable
63	S4.F.3.d.	Attach a summary of the status of implementation of any actions taken pursuant to S4.F.3. and the status of any monitoring, assessment, or evaluation efforts conducted during the reporting period. (S4.F.3.d.)	Not Applicable

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