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Reply to Attn: of: OWW-191

Carrie Graul
Washington State Department of Ecology
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Re: Sand and Gravel General Permit Comments

Dear Ms. Graul:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the modifications to the Sand and Gravel General Permit. Washington State has a strong tradition of assessing the pollution potential of specific industries, writing thoughtful permits, and updating them over time in response to additional data.

We have two concerns about this proposed permit; there are no effluent limits for the monitoring wells and a list of monitoring parameters is not included. The Groundwater Monitoring Program may have parameters but a Pollution Control Hearings Board ruling on the General Industrial Stormwater permit required parameters to be in the permit and available for public comment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at burgess.karen@epa.gov or (206) 553-1633, you can also contact, John Drabek at drabek.john@epa.gov or (206) 553-8257.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Burgess".

Karen Burgess, Acting Manager
NPDES Permits Unit