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Travis Porter
Washington State Department of Ecology
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Dear Mr. Porter:

The Manufacturing Industrial Council of Seattle is working with labor, business and environmental groups that are eager to help the Washington State Department of Ecology develop a more effective and more equitable regional system for stormwater management.

Present challenges were driven home for our group when we reviewed PARIS compliance records for 2017. These appear to confirm anecdotal reports from our members about their frustrations involving US EPA, state staff training practices that appear to vary by regions within the state, and dubious litigation practices based on antiquated, Nixon-era provisions of the US Clean Water Act.

These systemic concerns now cloud the very significant practical challenges that face our region as we continue to search for better approaches. Our discussions with other stakeholders reveal several good ideas for new approaches. We appreciate the opportunity to bring these ideas forward for DOE review and we look forward to working with you on these issues in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Dave Gering,
Executive Director
Manufacturing Industrial Council of Seattle