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Public Comment: Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA) for State Fiscal Years 2026-2027 for Washington State (publication 25-04-014).

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The <u>Interagency Team</u> (IAT) is comprised of stormwater professionals and is well positioned to inform and support many of the "Activities and Measures" in Chapter 7, Section 4 of the PPA.

The IAT appreciates the opportunity to provide this comment on the PPA:

Comment: Chapter 1 of the PPA recognizes the importance of public engagement, partnerships, and coordination.

Recommendation: We propose that Activity 4H on page 61 include the commitment to solicit input to help inform the development of the implementation recommendations for Ecology's TMDL program. Meaningful public engagement opportunities set the stage for soliciting constructive insights and feedback, such as that led by Ecology during the 2016 public workshops for improving Water Quality Policy 1-11.

Thank you,

The Interagency Team