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Abbey Stockwell; submitted online through Ecology Public Comment Form Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Program P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

re: Comments on the draft 2024 – 2029 Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit

To the Washington State Department of Ecology,

Spokane County appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the formal draft of the Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, effective August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2029. The draft Permit text was reviewed by numerous Spokane County departments and we offer the attached comments for your consideration.

We acknowledge the extensive effort that Ecology has made through the past several years to foster a collaborative approach to Permit reissuance. Thank you for including Spokane County, as well as the other Municipal Permittees and community stakeholders, in this process.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss any of these comments or if you have any questions. Comments or questions may be directed to Bill Galle by phone at (509)477-7261 or by email to bgalle@spokanecounty.org.

Sincerely,

William Galle Stormwater Utility Manager