

Everett WWTP NPDES Permit Comments

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Washington State Department of Health, Shellfish Growing Areas

The Department of Health, Shellfish Growing Area Program appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the NPDES Waste Discharge Permit No. WA0024490 for the City of Everett Water Pollution Control Facility. The Shellfish Growing Area requests that permit section S3.F.3 be modified as shown in the below redline version. These changes are needed to ensure that the Shellfish Growing Area Program is notified in a prompt manner when conditions that may affect shellfish harvest occur.

S3.F Reporting permit violations

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3. Immediate reporting

The Permittee must **immediately report**:

a.) To Ecology and the Local Health Jurisdiction at the numbers listed below, all:

- Failures of the disinfection system.
- Plant bypasses resulting in a discharge to a waterbody.
- Any upset that causes an exceedance of an effluent limit in the permit (see G.15, "Upset").
- Collection system overflows.
- Any other failures of the sewage system (pipe breaks, etc.)

Northwest Region Office: 206-594-0000

Snohomish County Health Department: 425-339-5250 (business hours), 425-339-5295 (after business hours)

b.) To the appropriate MS4 owner or operator:

- Any sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) that discharges to a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)

c.) To the Department of Health, Shellfish Program at the number listed below:

- ~~Any reportable violation that impacts marine waters.~~ Any of the situations in permit section S3.F.3.a. that impact marine waters, including the Lower Snohomish River Estuary.

Department of Health, Shellfish Program: ~~360-236-3330 (business hours)~~; 360-789-8962 (after business hours)