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RE: Navy on joining Stormwater Action Monitoring Program

Dear Nicole Iutzi-Kubista:

The Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) program is administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on behalf of the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permittees in Western Washington, including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) is a formal stakeholder committee that oversees Ecology's administration of SAM and identifies priorities for SAM studies. All SWG members represent caucus groups that meet to discuss upcoming and ongoing topics on SWG's agenda as well as broader stormwater management and science.

EPA's MS4 permits for Naval Base Kitsap (WAS026646), Naval Station Everett (WAS026620), and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (WAS026611) provided the Navy with the option to participate in the SAM network as a way to satisfy the Navy's MS4 permit requirements for monitoring. Any MS4 Permittee can join SAM; the level of financial contribution is set at a fixed annual amount based on the population served by the MS4 for the Effectiveness Studies and Source Identification projects and the Status and Trends monitoring of receiving waters. Ecology will invoice the Navy annually in May during their permit term 2021 – 2025. The invoice total of $15,318 covers all three permitted locations for both the Effectiveness Studies and Status and Trends Monitoring SAM program components for the period of August –August, starting in 2022. The first invoice will be pro-rated for 2021, covering February –August 2021, as the Navy is joining SAM mid-way through their permit year. On May 19th, 2021, the SWG approved this approach for Navy participation in SAM. Ecology writes an annual report that reflects on the prior year's accomplishments, describes studies completed that year, and provides an update for ongoing projects. We will send this annual report with the invoice each year.

Every two to three years SAM solicits proposals for new stormwater studies from the greater regional stormwater scientific and practitioner community. Successful proposals are funded by SAM and managed by Ecology. Proposals are reviewed and refined by SWG committees in a process organized by SAM staff. Project proponents present their revised proposals at a stakeholder workshop that is followed by MS4 permittee voting on the proposals to inform SWG approval of funding and timing of successful projects. The Navy's financial contribution to the SAM program provides the Navy the opportunity to vote on new projects for SAM funding in each round of project selection as a participating MS4 permittee; this voting is encouraged but it is not a requirement for participation in SAM. The only participation requirement is paying the annual invoice.

Ecology welcomes the Navy's participation in SAM. If you have any further questions please contact Brandi Lubliner, SAM Coordinator, brandi.lubliner@ecy.wa.gov. The 2021 SAM invoice and the 2020 SAM Annual Report are enclosed. Learn more about SAM at ecology.wa.gov/SAM.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

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