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Steve Carstens, P.E.
City of Puyallup
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Dear Mr. Carstens:

I have received your letter regarding maintenance requirements for storm catch basins required in the Clarks Creek/Meeker Creek Water Quality Improvement Report (WQIP). It was agreed back in 2008 that inspecting and cleaning catch basins twice a year would be a good practice to remove extra sediment that may be contributing to fecal coliform bacteria in the Clarks/Meeker Creek watershed.

I agree with your assessment that focusing on the "trouble" catch basins (CB) will give a higher maintenance standard to the catch basins associated with Clarks Creek. We are sensitive to the costs of both time and staff. We try to capture all needed actions when we write the WQIP, but many times find after completing an action, we need to adapt our implementation plans.

Per this letter I am agreeing to the following adaption to the original requirements:

The City will continue to inspect the stormwater system per the current Phase II NPDES permit on file with Ecology. In addition to normal/routine annual inspections of the system in the basin, the City will perform an additional inspection on the CB's nearest the 11 outfalls to Clarks Creek as well as any "trouble" CB's. A trouble CB will be defined to be any catch basin that is identified by the city to require or warrant additional cleaning within the NPDES permit period. This will allow the city to modify the list of catch basins that require additional maintenance and cleaning if it is determined that a catch basin needs to be added to or deleted from that list.

I believe the above adaptation will result in less sedimentation going into Clarks Creek. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy M. James".

Cindy M. James
South Puget Sound TMDL Coordinator
Water Quality Program Southwest Regional Office

cc: Vince McGowan

