



DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Water Quality Program

Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

Permittee: Yakima County

Permit Number: WAR046014

Site Address: 128 N 2ND ST
YAKIMA, WA 98901

Submittal Name: MS4 Annual Report Phase II Eastern

Version: 1

Due Date: 3/31/2025

Questionnaire

Number	Permit Section	Question	Answer
1	S5.A.4.	Attach updated annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan) or website address in the Comment field where it can be found. (S5.A.4.)	SWMP FY 2024_1_03242025114539
1a	S5.A.4.	Cite website of SWMP if unable to attach	Not Applicable
2	S9.D.6.	Attach a map of any annexations, incorporations, or boundary changes resulting in an increase or decrease in the Permittee's geographic area of permit coverage during the reporting period per S9.D.6.	BRB2024-00001 City of Sunnysid_2_03122025113842
3	S5.A.3.a.ii.	Implemented an ongoing program to gather, track, and maintain information per S5.A.3, including costs or estimated costs of implementing the SWMP. (S5.A.3.a.ii)	Yes
4	S5.A.5.b.	Continued to coordinate among departments within the jurisdiction to eliminate barriers to permit compliance. (S5.A.5.b.)	Yes
5	S9.D.4	If applicable, identify other entities relied on to satisfy any of the obligations under the Permit. (S9.D.4)	Yakima County/RSWG contracts with the Franklin Conservation District to perform public education and outreach to school aged children with the Dain Rangers Program. We have also partnered with Adopt A Drain to reach the general public to emphasize the importance of water quality and what the general public can do to help.
6	S5.B.1	Were elements of a regional program implemented to complete any part of your education and outreach program? (S5.B.1)	Yes
6a	S5.B.1	If yes, list the elements, and the regional program	Yakima County has an ILA, that was renewed for the 2024-2029 permit cycle, with the communities of Selah, Sunnyside, and Union

Gap with regards to Permit Stormwater Compliance Activities. The ILA establishes the Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG) as an Ad-Hoc regional group that coordinates on public involvement and public outreach activities under the Municipal Stormwater Phase II NPDES permit for Eastern Washington. The RSWG continued in 2023 to partner with the Franklin County Conservation Districts Drain Ranger program to educate school aged children in the importance of Stormwater awareness. In 2024 Yakima County participated in several Outreach Events 1) The two-day Dozer Days event held at State Fair Park where a Public Education and Outreach Booth was set up where we discussed Stormwater BMP's with regards to construction processes and track-out. The City of Selah brought in their Vactor Truck and Street Sweeper which spurred many discussions on the benefits of street sweeping and catch basin cleaning. The City of Union Gap participated on Saturday with a crew of two and their sweeper truck. 2) Arbor Day which was held at the Yakima Arboretum. Yakima County had an informational booth in which we handed out educational material to promote the importance of Water Quality and how stormwater impacts Water Quality as well as other Stormwater related topics. 3) The 2024 Central Washington State Fair (CWSF) at State Fair Park where we logged

			<p>nearly 90 hours of community interaction with regards to Stormwater BMP's, Maintenance & Operation, and provide answers on general stormwater questions.</p> <p>4) the group also participated in a trunk or treat event held by the Humane Society where we handed out pet waste bags/holders where we educated pet owners on the impacts pet waste has on water quality.</p>
7	S5.B.1.a.i.-iii.	Attach a description of public education and outreach program activities, including your priority audiences and subject areas conducted, per S5.B.1.a.i-iii.	Appendix A - Annual Outreach S_7_03062025095728
8	S5.B.1.a.ii.	Which types of businesses were prioritized per S.5.B.1.a.ii.?	Yakima County continued with the dumpster "Shut the Lid" campaign with small business owners (restaurant/mini marts) located in the utility boundary.

11	S5.B.2.a.	<p>Describe in Comments field the opportunities created for the public to participate in the decision making processes involving the development, implementation, and updates of the Permittee's SWMP. (S5.B.2.a.)</p>	<p>In 2024, Yakima County continued its participation in an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Cities of Selah, Sunnyside, and Union Gap; the Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG) was formed in 2009, recently amended in July of 2024 for the duration of the permit cycle. The City of Yakima and Yakima Valley College Facilities started participating in the RSWG meetings in 2022. Yakima County provides the host website for the latest version of the annual report and the SWMP that are available to the public. The RSWG works collaboratively to engage the public at several outreach events where we are open and available to receive public comments on issues pertaining to water quality and problem areas with regards to stormwater drainage and conveyance.</p> <p>The RSWG holds quarterly meetings to discuss stormwater activities within the region, including the development, implementation, and updating of our respective SWMPs. These meetings are open to the public, are held once per quarter in March, June, September, and December, and rotate between all group member locations for equal and fair public participation opportunities. Advance notice of these meetings are advertised on the RSWG page of the county's website.</p>
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11a	S5.B.2.a.	Describe the specific public involvement opportunities provided to overburdened communities and, specifically, highly impacted communities. (S5.B.2.a.i)	This is a new requirement in the permit that has a deliverable date of no later than December 31, 2026. We are using available state data/mapping to determine which areas in the counties NPDES permit utility boundary that would be classified as an overburden or highly impacted community.
12	S5.B.2.b.	Posted the updated SWMP Plan and latest annual report on your website no later than May 31.	Yes
12a	S5.B.2.b.	List the website address in Comments field. (S5.B.2.b.)	https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management
13	S5.B.3.a.	Maintained a map of the MS4 that includes the requirements listed in S5.B.3.a.	Yes
18	S5.B.3.b.	Implemented an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to effectively prohibit non-stormwater, illicit discharges as described in S5.B.3.b.	Yes
20	S5.B.3.b.vi.	Implemented a compliance strategy, including informal compliance actions as well as enforcement provisions of the regulatory mechanism described in S5.B.3.b. (S5.B.3.b.v)	Yes
21	S5.B.3.c.	Implemented procedures for conducting illicit discharge investigations in accordance with S5.B.3.c.	Yes
22	S5.B.3.c.iv.	Percentage of MS4 coverage area screened in reporting year per S5.B.3.c. (Required to screen 12% on average each year, S5.B.3.c.iv.)	100

22a	S5.B.3.c.iv.	Cite field screening techniques used to determine percent of MS4 screened.	<p>Yakima County uses a GIS based program to track and document maintenance of stormwater facilities. Currently the county is using field maps for stormwater facilities and has migrated catch basins to a new asset management system that keeps records of inspections, maintenance and cleanings. The remaining stormwater assets will be moved over at a later date. Screenings are performed on a scheduled basis for catch basins and as needed for other stormwater structures as prescribed in the County's Stormwater O&M manual. Yakima County has patrolmen that routinely observe stormwater facilities on their daily rounds and develop work orders to perform maintenance, debris removal, or cleanings in accordance with the O&M manual. Yakima County sweeps the paved surfaces of the MS4 twice per year at a minimum to remove sand and gravel placed during snow removal operations in the spring and again in the fall prior to the first event or as needed. Yakima County also has the Stormwater engineer perform weekly inspection throughout the county on construction projects where he is also diligently monitoring for illicit discharges and reviewing BMP's.</p>
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23	S5.B.3.c.v.	Describe how you publicized a hotline telephone number for public reporting of spills and other illicit discharges in the Comments field. (S5.B.3.c.v.)	The hotline is publicized on the Yakima County Stormwater website (https://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management), posted in the Public Service Lobby at the Courthouse and is present on all the E&O brochures and handouts/materials.
24	S5.B.3.c.vi.	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all municipal field staff per S5.B.3.c.vi.	Yes
25	S5.B.3.c.vii.	Informed public employees, businesses, and the general public of hazards associated with illicit discharges and improper disposal of waste. Describe actions in Comments field. (S5.B.3.c.vii.)	Yakima County continues to participate in multiple community events designed to inform the general public about the effects of stormwater runoff, IDDE and many the forms of waste (pet, solid waste, plastics, sediment, etc) and the effect they have on Water Quality. We continued to distribute pet waste and reusable grocery/merchandise bags to help eliminate potential water quality hazards.
26	S5.B.3.d.	Implemented an ongoing program designed to address illicit discharges, including spills and illicit connections into the MS4 per S5.B.3.d.	Yes
27	S5.B.3.e.	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all staff responsible for implementing the procedures and program, as described in S5.B.3.e.	Yes
28	S5.B.3.f.	Attach a report with data describing the actions taken to investigate, characterize, trace and eliminate each illicit discharge found by or reported to the Permittee. The submittal must include all of the applicable information and must follow the instructions, format, and timelines described in Appendix 7. (S5.B.3.f)	WAR046014-2024-ImportedIDDEs_03242025114824
29	S5.B.4.a.	Implemented an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and enforcement procedures for construction site stormwater runoff control as described in S5.B.4.	Yes
31	S5.B.4.b.	Reviewed site plans for all new development and redevelopment projects as described in S5.B.4.b.	Yes
31a	S5.B.4.b.i.	Number of site plans reviewed during the reporting period. (S5.B.4.b.i.)	13

31b	S5.B.4.b.i.	The number of construction sites that provided their intent to apply for the “Erosivity Waiver” during the reporting period as described in S5.B.4.b.i.	8
31c	S5.B.4.b.i.	The number of complaints investigated about sites that have received an “Erosivity Waiver” . (S5.B.4.b.i.)	0
31d	S5.B.4.b.i.	Describe any enforcement actions taken as a result of those complaints	No enforcement actions were taken.
32	S5.B.4.	Implemented procedures for site inspection and enforcement of construction stormwater pollution control measures. (S5.B.4.)	Yes
32a	S5.B.4.c.i.	Number of permitted construction sites inspected during the reporting period. (S5.B.4.c.i.)	5
32b	S5.B.4.	Number of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period based on construction phase inspections at new development and redevelopment projects. (S5.B.4.)	0
33	S5.B.4.d.	Trained the staff involved in permitting, plan review, field inspections, and enforcement for construction site runoff control. (S5.B.4.d.)	Yes
34	S5.B.4.e.	Provided information to construction site operators and design professionals about training available on how to comply with the requirements in Appendix 1 and the BMPs in the SWMMEW, or an equivalent document.	Yes
34a	S5.B.4.e.	Describe information provided in the Comments field. (S5.B.4.e.)	<p>Yakima County has a pre-application assistance program to help applicants navigate the county's permitting process for projects requiring environmental review, approval for land use, building and fire safety permits, or other permitting requirements, including stormwater site plan preparation and review. The Water Resources Division of Yakima County Public Services reviews all early assistance applications, attends early assistance meetings with applicants, design professionals, and construction contractors, and likewise provides comments and information on stormwater site plan requirements like erosion and sediment controls required during construction, and training opportunities to be made available to</p>

		<p>assist in compliance with stormwater requirements.</p> <p>The county received and reviewed 42 early assistance applications in 2024. The guidance provided to applicants can be found in the Yakima County Public Services office and on the Yakima County stormwater management website: https://www.yakimacounty.us/1749/Training. Yakima County uses both the Yakima County Regional Stormwater Manual (YCRSM) and/or the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington (SWMMEW) and provides information on opportunities to complete the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) certification program.</p>	
35	S5.B.4.f	Made online links to Ecology's Construction Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent, the Industrial Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent, and the registration requirements for Underground Injection Control (UIC) available to representatives of proposed new development and redevelopment. (S5.B.4.f)	Yes
36	S5.B.5.a.	Implemented ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and enforcement procedures to address post-construction stormwater controls runoff to the MS4 from new development and redevelopment as described in S5.B.5.a.	Yes
38	S5.B.5.b.ii.(a)	Allowed non-structural preventive actions and source reduction approaches such as Low Impact Development (LID) techniques to be used. (S5.B.5.b.ii.(a))	Yes
39	S5.B.5.b.ii.(b)	Required projects approved under S5.B.5. to retain runoff generate on-site for, at a minimum, the 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event or a local equivalent, using either on-site or regional stormwater facilities. (S5.B.5.b.ii.(b) (2))	Yes
41	S5.B.5.e.	Inspected post-construction stormwater controls, including structural BMPs, at new development and redevelopment sites. (S5.B.5.e.)	Yes
41a	S5.B.5.e.i.	Number of new and redeveloped sites inspected during installation of structural BMPs during the reporting period. (S5.B.5.e.i)	5

41b	S5.B.5.e.i.	Number of new and redeveloped sites inspected upon final installation of BMPs or upon completion of the project during the reporting period. (S5.B.5.e.i.)	4
42	S5.B.5.e.ii.	Inspected structural BMPs at least once every five years after final installation. (S5.B.5.e.ii.)	Yes
42a	S5.B.5.e.ii.	Number of BMPs inspected during the reporting period.	24
43	S5.B.5.e.	Number of enforcement actions taken as a result of these inspections during the reporting period? (S5.B.5.e.)	0
44	S5.B.5.f.	Trained the staff involved in permitting, plan review, inspection, and enforcement for post-construction stormwater control. (S5.B.5.f.)	Yes
45	S5.B.5.f.	Provided information to design professionals about training available on how to comply with the requirements in Appendix 1 and apply the BMPs in the SWMMEW, or an equivalent document. (S5.B.5.f.)	Yes
45a	S5.B.5.f.	Describe information provided and cite the manual used	<p>Yakima County has a pre-application assistance program to help applicants navigate the county's permitting process for projects requiring environmental review, approval for land use, building and fire safety permits, or other permitting requirements, including stormwater site plan preparation and review. The Water Resources Division of Yakima County Public Services reviews all early assistance applications, attends early assistance meetings with applicants, design professionals, and construction contractors, and likewise provides comments and information on stormwater site plan requirements like erosion and sediment controls required during construction, and training opportunities to be made available to assist in compliance with stormwater requirements.</p> <p>The county received and reviewed 42 early assistance applications in 2024. The guidance provided to applicants</p>

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46	S5.B.6.a.	Implemented the schedule of Operation and Maintenance activities for municipal operations. (S5.B.6.a.)	Yes
46b	S5.B.6.a.i.(f)	Have NPDES permit coverage for all applicable Permittee construction projects. (S5.B.6.a.i.(f))	Yes
46c	S5.B.6.a.i.(g)	Have NPDES permit coverage for all applicable Permittee industrial facilities. (S5.B.6.a.i.(g))	Yes
47	S5.B.6.a.i.(h)	Implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for all heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards, and material storage facilities owned or operated by the Permittee in areas subject to this Permit that are not required to have coverage under an NPDES permit that covers stormwater discharges associated with the activity. (S5.B.6.a.i.(h))	Yes
48	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Inspected stormwater treatment and flow control facilities (except catch basins) owned or operated by the Permittee at least once every two years. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(a))	Yes
48a	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Number of known stormwater treatment and flow control facilities (except catch basins) owned or operated by the Permittee.	1907
48b	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Number of facilities inspected during the reporting period.	477
48c	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Number of facilities for which maintenance was performed during the reporting period.	119
49	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Attach documentation of alternative stormwater treatment and flow control facilities inspection frequency, if used, per S5.B.6.a.ii.(a).	Not Applicable
50	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Inspected municipally owned or operated catch basins and inlets at least once every two years or used an alternative approach. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(b))?	Yes
50a	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of known catch basins and inlets owned or operated by the Permittee.	1368

50b	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of catch basins and inlets inspected during the reporting period.	363
50c	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of known catch basins and inlets cleaned during the reporting period.	55
51	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Attach documentation of an alternative catch basin inspections approach, if used. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(b))	Not Applicable
52	S5.B.6.a.ii.(c)	Conducted spot checks of stormwater facilities after major storms. (S5.B.6.a.ii.(c))	Not Applicable
57	S5.B.6.c.	Trained the staff with primary construction, operations, or maintenance job functions that are likely to impact stormwater quality. (S5.B.6.c)	Yes
58	S7.A.	Complied with the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)-specific requirements identified in Appendix 2. (S7.A.)	Yes
59	S7.A.	For TMDLs listed in Appendix 2: Attach a summary of relevant SWMP and Appendix 2 activities to address the applicable TMDL parameter(s). (S7.A.)	Not Applicable
61	S8.A	Notified Ecology of the option selected by December 1, 2024: S8.B.3.a, S8.B.3.b, or S8.B.3.c.	Yes
62	S8.B.3	Did Permittees choose option S8.B.3.a:	No
65	G3.	Notified Ecology in accordance with G3. of any discharge into or from the Permittees MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. (G3.)	Not Applicable
66	G3.A.	Took appropriate action to correct or minimize the threat to human health, welfare, and/or the environment per G3.A.	Not Applicable
67	G20.	Notified Ecology of the failure to comply with the permit terms and conditions within 30 days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. (G20.)	Not Applicable
68	G20.	Number of non-compliance notifications provided in reporting year. (G20.)	0
69	S4.F.1.	Notified Ecology within 30 days of becoming aware that a discharge from the Permittee's MS4 caused or contributed to a known or likely violation of water quality standards in the receiving water. (S4.F.1.)	Not Applicable
70	S4.F.3.a.	If requested, submitted an Adaptive Management Response report in accordance with S4.F.3.a.	Not Applicable
71	S4.F.3.d.	Attach a summary of the status of implementation of any actions taken pursuant to S4.F.3. and the status of any monitoring, assessment, or evaluation efforts conducted during the reporting period. (S4.F.3.d.)	Not Applicable

I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Jack J Wells

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