



# Water Quality Program

## Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

**Permittee:** Port of Benton

**Permit Number:** WAR046203

**Site Address:** 3100 GEORGE WASHINGTON WAY  
RICHLAND, WA 99354

**Submittal Name:** MS4 Annual Report Secondary

**Version:** 1

**Due Date:** 3/31/2026

### Questionnaire

Number	Permit Section	Question	Answer
1		Attach updated annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan) or website address in the Comments field where it can be found. (S6.A.2)	Port of Benton_SWMP_Plan_Update_1_04082026153054
2		Attach a map of any jurisdictional boundary changes resulting in an increase or decrease in the Secondary Permittee's geographic area of coverage during the reporting period. (Required annually; S9.E.6)	Not Applicable
3		Labeled all storm drain inlets owned or operated by the Secondary Permittee that are located in maintenance yards, in parking lots, along sidewalks, and at pedestrian access points. (New Secondary Permittee -Required no later than four years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.1.a.)	Yes
4		Re-labeled all storm drain inlets with labels when no longer clearly visible and/or easily readable within 90 days. (Required no later than four years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.1.a.)	Yes
5		(Public ports, colleges, and universities only) Distributed educational information to tenants and residents about the impact of stormwater discharges on receiving waters and steps that can be taken to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. (Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.1.b.)	Yes
6		Made the annual report and SWMP Plan available on website. (Required no later than May 31, annually, S6.D.2.a.)	Yes
7		Complied with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the local jurisdiction(s) that govern non-stormwater discharges. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.a.)	Yes
8		Implemented policies to prohibit illicit discharges and identified enforcement mechanisms. (Required no later than one year from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.b.)	Yes

10		Implemented an enforcement plan to ensure compliance with policies to prohibit illicit discharges. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than 18 months from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.3.b.)	Yes
11		Developed a map of the storm sewer system showing all known storm drain outfalls, receiving waters, and areas contributing runoff to each outfall. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than four and one half years from initial date of permit coverage; S6.D.3.c.)	Yes
14		Conducted field inspections and visually inspected for illicit discharges at at least one third of all known MS4 outfalls. (New Secondary Permittee – Required no later than two years from initial date of Permit coverage; S6.D.3.d)	Yes
15		Implemented procedures to identify and remove illicit discharges. (New Secondary Permittee – Required no later than two years from initial date of Permit coverage; S6.D.3.d)	Yes
16		Number of illicit discharges, including illicit connections, eliminated during the reporting period. (S6.D.3.d)	0
16a		Attach a summary of each illicit discharge discovered and actions taken to eliminate each of the discharges. (S6.D.3.d)	Not Applicable
17		Implemented a spill response plan that includes coordination with a qualified spill responder. (New Secondary Permittee – Required no later than four and one-half years from initial date of Permit coverage; S6.D.3.e)	Yes
18		Provided staff training or coordinated with existing training to educate staff on proper BMPs for preventing illicit discharges, including spills, as described in S6.D.3.f. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than two years from initial date of permit coverage)	Yes
19		Complied with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the local jurisdiction(s) that govern construction phase stormwater pollution prevention activities, if applicable. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.a.)	Yes
20		Ensured that all applicable construction projects under the functional control of the Secondary Permittee obtained NPDES permit coverage. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.b.)	Yes
21		Coordinated with local jurisdictions on construction projects owned or operated by other entities that discharge into Secondary Permittee's MS4 as per S6.D.4.c. (Required after initial date of permit coverage)	Yes
22		Provided training for relevant staff in erosion and sediment control BMPs and requirements, or hired trained contractors to perform the work for all construction projects owned and operated by the Secondary Permittee. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.d.)	Yes

23		Provided access, as requested, for inspection of construction sites under the control of the Secondary Permittee during the land disturbing activity and/or construction period. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.4.e.)	Yes
24		Complied with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the local jurisdiction(s) that govern post-construction stormwater pollution prevention activities, including proper operation and maintenance of the MS4. (Required after initial date of permit coverage date, S6.D.5.a.)	Yes
25		Coordinated with local jurisdiction regarding projects owned or operated by other entities which discharge into the Secondary Permittee's MS4. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.5.b.)	Yes
26		Implemented an Operation and Maintenance program. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a.)	Yes
28		Established and implemented maintenance standards for stormwater collection and conveyance systems as described in S6.D.6.a.i. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage; S6.D.6.a.i)	Yes
29		Conducted spot checks of potentially damaged permanent stormwater facilities after major storms. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a.i.)	Yes
30		Developed and implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for material storage areas, heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards not covered by another NPDES permit that authorizes stormwater discharges associated with the activity. (New Secondary Permittee - Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.a.vii)	Yes
31		Have NPDES permit coverage for Industrial Stormwater General Permit for all applicable industrial facilities operated by the Permittee, or another NPDES permit that authorizes surface water discharges associated with the activity. (Required after initial date of permit coverage, S6.D.6.b.)	Yes
32		Implemented a program designed to train staff to carry out the Operations and Maintenance plan as described in S6.D.6.d. (Required no later than three years from initial date of permit coverage)	Yes
33		Is there an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) applicable to stormwater discharges from a MS4 owned or operated by the Permittee? (S7)	No
34		Complied with the specific requirements identified in Appendix 2. (S7.A)	No
35		Attach status report of TMDL implementation. (S7.A)	Not Applicable

36		Notified Ecology of the failure to comply with the permit terms and conditions within 30 days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. (G20)	Yes
37		Notified Ecology immediately in cases where the Permittee becomes aware of a discharge into or from the Permittee's MS4 which may constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. (G3)	Yes
38		Took appropriate action to correct or minimize discharges into or from the MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare, or the environment. (G3.A)	Yes
39		If applicable, attach a summary of the status of implementation of any actions taken pursuant to S4.F, 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.*

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