



# Water Quality Program

## Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

**Permittee:** City of Richland

**Permit Number:** WAR046006

**Site Address:** 625 Swift Blvd  
Richland, WA 99352

**Submittal Name:** MS4 Annual Report Phase II Eastern

**Version:** 1

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

### 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.)	Richland_SWMP_Plan_Update_2026_1_03302026161951
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.	Not Applicable
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
4a	S5.A.5.b.	Attach a written description of internal coordination mechanisms among departments within the jurisdiction to eliminate barriers to permit compliance. (Required to be submitted no later than March 31, 2021, S5.A.5.b.)	Eliminate Barriers Question 4a_4a_03302026161021
5	S9.D.4	If applicable, identify other entities relied on to satisfy any of the obligations under the Permit. (S9.D.4)	Not Applicable
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	The City of Richland has an ongoing agreement with the Franklin Conservation district to implement Drain Rangers, Jr. Drain Rangers, as well as community outreach events.
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.	Drain Rangers 2025 Q7_7_03302026145436

8	S5.B.1.a.ii.	Which types of businesses were prioritized per S.5.B.1.a.ii.?	Restaurants, Landscaping/Nurseries, agricultural, food trucks and other businesses whose activities may impact stormwater. The City also focuses on residential activities such as leaf removal and maintaining them out of the street.
11	S5.B.2.a.	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.)	The public is given the opportunity each year to participate in the decision making process via advertisement in local newspapers for a 30 day comment period for the Annual SWMP update. The draft document is made available on the City Website. No comments were received.
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)	The City has been working with our communications group to provide more opportunities for the community to become more involved by increasing our community outreach.
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.)	<a href="https://www.richlandwa.gov/departments/public-works/stormwater-utility">https://www.richlandwa.gov/departments/public-works/stormwater-utility</a>
13	S5.B.3.a.	Maintained a map of the MS4 that includes the requirements listed in S5.B.3.a.	Yes
14	S5.B.3.a.viii	Attach file that lists all known outfall locations, sizes, and materials no later than March 31, 2026. The data shall be in one of the following formats, per S5.B.3.a.viii: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESRI file geodatabase template (feature class in a .gdb):  <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.gdb.zip">https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.gdb.zip</a></li> <li>• Shapefile template:  <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.shape.zip">https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.shape.zip</a></li> <li>• ArcGIS Online template (sharing template a or b via ArcGIS Online).</li> <li>• Excel template:  <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.excel.xlsx">https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/MS4GP.Mapoutfall.prelim.excel.xlsx</a></li> </ul>	Outfall_Discharge Points_2026_14_03302 026162010

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.)	29
22a	S5.B.3.c.iv.	Cite field screening techniques used to determine percent of MS4 screened.	The screening techniques to determine the percent of the MS4 screened is determined by looking at all the of the inspection and cleaning records for the entire city of its stormwater facilities and outfalls. This takes into account not only just the catchbasin inlets but any stormwater outfalls, manholes, CDS units, and stormwater pipe vactoring. The information is recorded in a database by the stormwater department when they touch a facility.
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 hot line is posted on the City of Richland website under "Stormwater Utility"
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.)	Information is provided at our community interaction booths that we have at RiverFest, Home and Garden show and National Night out. Our staff is also very knowledgeable and discusses issues with our local residents and businesses if they encounter an illicit discharge.
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)	2025 IDDEs reported Q28_28_033020261512 37
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.)	30
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.	20
31c	S5.B.4.b.i.	The number of complaints investigated about sites that have received an "Erosivity Waiver" . (S5.B.4.b.i.)	Not Applicable
31d	S5.B.4.b.i.	Describe any enforcement actions taken as a result of those complaints	Not Applicable
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.)	25
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.)	The City of Richland Provides relevant information to construction site operators and design professionals in various methods. This information is made available on the City's website, in person, and during pre-construction and construction progress meetings.
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)	20
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.)	15
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.	10
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	Department of Ecology and Washington Stormwater Center
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.	1983
48b	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Number of facilities inspected during the reporting period.	565
48c	S5.B.6.a.ii.(a)	Number of facilities for which maintenance was performed during the reporting period.	239
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.	6986
50b	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of catch basins and inlets inspected during the reporting period.	2971
50c	S5.B.6.a.ii.(b)	Number of known catch basins and inlets cleaned during the reporting period.	1216
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))	Yes
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.)	Not Applicable
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
62	S8.B.3	Did Permittees choose option S8.B.3.a:	No
63	S8.B.	For Permittees choosing option S8.B.3.b, submitted payment for cost-sharing for SAM effectiveness and source identification studies no later than August 15 of each year. (S8.D.2)	Yes
64	S8.B.	Did Permittee choose option S8.B.3.c:	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.)	No
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

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