**Stormwater Work Group Reporter  
Issue #52, October 2022***Key news and information you need to stay current on Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM, the regional stormwater monitoring program), and the strategic approach to monitoring and assessment to reduce stormwater impacts in western Washington.*

**New to SWG? Watch the ten minute** [**introductory video**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FthrR0xA0Xv0&data=05%7C01%7CKDIN461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7Ced3809b24c864568680808da5855d4ef%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637919422908351840%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=n7%2BkziK8%2FBqY82B%2FhtZqYOGEWpSY9j20ZzKt%2Biv3LFw%3D&reserved=0)A brief history and explanation of the Stormwater Work Group and SAM is now [posted](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=thrR0xA0Xv0&feature=youtu.be) on Ecology’s YouTube page.  
*More information:*[SWG support pages](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fpugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup%2Fhome&data=05%7C01%7CKDIN461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7Ced3809b24c864568680808da5855d4ef%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637919422908351840%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UT0Q%2BEMoVpNdFLnotrTfawg0hzCu3Qg6yS2Os%2BxC19o%3D&reserved=0)

**Read the** [**SAM Newsletter**](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Stormwater-monitoring/Stormwater-Action-Monitoring/Communications) **for September 2022**  
Updates on recently completed SAM projects and new SAM studies underway. *More information:*[SAM webpage](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Stormwater-monitoring/Stormwater-Action-Monitoring/SAM-effectiveness-studies/Longevity-biological-protection-using-bioretention)

**New round of SAM study topics developed**SWG subgroups have been discussing topics for the fourth round of SAM Effectiveness Studies and Source Identification Studies for 2024 and beyond. The SWG will be voting on Round 4 study topic list at the November meeting. RFP will be released in January 2023 by the SAM Coordinator with input from the **SAM Study Selection Subgroup**. *More information:*[SAM effectiveness study pages](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Stormwater-monitoring/Stormwater-Action-Monitoring/SAM-effectiveness-studies)

[**Read the report**](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/Permits/Flare/2019SWMMWW/Content/Resources/DocsForDownload/2022_SWTreatmentOfTireContaminants-BMPEffectiveness.pdf) **evaluating existing BMPs for 6PPD/6PPD-quinone reduction**Ecology commissioned Osborn Consulting and Evergreen StormH2O for a report on current understanding of 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone properties and existing source control and treatment best management practices (BMPs) to reduce concentrations of these chemicals in roadway runoff. The **SWG 6PPD Subgroup** is continuing to meet to share ongoing research, identify research gaps, and look for collaborative opportunities among state agencies and other stakeholders.  
*More information:*[SWG 6PPD Subgroup page](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fpugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup%2Fhome%2F6ppd-subgroup&data=05%7C01%7CKDIN461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7Ced3809b24c864568680808da5855d4ef%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637919422908351840%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=I5A4fjPp%2BJvpKOrlcQ8LTBLO%2FUNLOdxwN%2FAazY2WWhM%3D&reserved=0)

**Public Comment Period for Permit Reissuance: October 17-December 2, 2022**

Ecology is accepting informal comments on preliminary draft permit sections for the Phase I, Western and Eastern Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permits, as well as preliminary draft sections of the Stormwater Management Manual for Western and Eastern WA.

*How to submit comments and**more information:* [Ecology Permit Reissuance page](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-permit-reissuance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

**Workshops on Preliminary Drafts Released for Municipal Stormwater Permits and Manual**

Ecology released Preliminary Drafts for some sections of Phase I, Eastern and Western Phase II permits and the Stormwater Management Manual (Eastern and Western WA) on October 17. There will be two workshops on November 7 to share preliminary draft information:

9-11 a.m. Eastern WA Permit focus

1-3 p.m. Western WA Permit focus

Both workshops will include information on SWMM updates as well*.*

*More information:* Register [*here*](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-permit-reissuance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)*.*

**Retrofit policy discussions underway**Since May, Ecology has been meeting with a Structural Stormwater Control Policy Advisory Committee to gather recommendations for future Phase I and II Western Washington municipal stormwater permit sections related to encouraging stormwater retrofits. This group will meet until December 2022. Contact [Abbey Stockwell](mailto:abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov) for information about the policy discussions.  
*More information:* [MS4 Reissuance webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fecology.wa.gov%2FRegulations-Permits%2FPermits-certifications%2FStormwater-general-permits%2FMunicipal-stormwater-general-permits%2FMunicipal-stormwater-permit-reissuance&data=05%7C01%7CKDIN461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7Ced3809b24c864568680808da5855d4ef%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637919422908351840%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=125ZYLHNttz7gYZnzXvXxNqgk7JHhbChr3Ask8eVoRo%3D&reserved=0)

**You’re invited to participate in the Stormwater Work Group: join our caucuses!**While our topical subgroups are open to all interested parties and our meetings are open to the public, each person “at the table” in SWG meetings is a formal member or alternate designated to speak for a stormwater management and monitoring interest group. To be added to an interest group list contact: [Todd Hunsdorfer](mailto:thunsdorfer@kingcounty.gov) for local governments; [Abby Barnes](mailto:abby.barnes@dnr.wa.gov) for state agencies; [Bob Black](mailto:rwblack@usgs.gov) for federal agencies; [Mindy Roberts](mailto:mindy@wecprotects.org) for environmental groups; [Alison Halpern](mailto:ahalpern@scc.wa.gov) for agriculture; [Jane Dewell](mailto:dewell.j@portseattle.org) for public ports; or the [SWG Coordinator](mailto:amy.waterman@ecy.wa.gov) if you are interested in representing or discussing SWG issues with tribes or business groups, or want to join any of our subgroups.  
*More information:* [Amy Waterman](mailto:amy.waterman@ecy.wa.gov), SWG Coordinator

**About the Stormwater Work Group:** The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, public ports, tribes, and agriculture. SWG formed in 2008 to develop a strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to understanding and addressing the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. Our work supports Strategic Action Monitoring (SAM) implementation and other stormwater-related monitoring, studies, and adaptive management. We participate as a topical work group in the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program ([PSEMP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.psp.wa.gov%2Fevaluating-PSEMP.php&data=05%7C01%7CKDIN461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7Ced3809b24c864568680808da5855d4ef%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637919422908351840%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qOJt0vBIsZD893GZ50A%2FpDGNBafyazHwiWB3nvFtNaI%3D&reserved=0)) .  
*More information:*[SWG support pages](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fpugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup%2Fhome&data=05%7C01%7CKDIN461%40ECY.WA.GOV%7Ced3809b24c864568680808da5855d4ef%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637919422908508064%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uGEru0fYmFreZWa3WgUysN7xwkOW%2FEaC%2BNCwjJOU03E%3D&reserved=0)

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