



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Water Pollution Control Laboratory

6543 N. Burlington Avenue, Bldg 217, Portland, Oregon 97203 ■ Nick Fish, Commissioner ■ Dean Marriott, Director

September 4, 2014

Tim Whitson
Northwest Pipe Company
12005 N Burgard
Portland, OR 97203

RE: **Monitoring waiver** for 1200-Z general stormwater discharge permit, DEQ file #6739

Dear Mr. Whitson:

The City of Portland (City) has received your monitoring waiver request, dated July 28, 2014, for collecting stormwater samples as required by the 1200-Z general stormwater discharge permit issued to the Northwest Pipe facility located at 12005 N Burgard, Portland, Oregon. Northwest Pipe has requested a monitoring waiver for all parameters at both monitoring points 03 and 04.

The City has reviewed the results of the last four samples submitted and concurs these results are valid and the geometric mean is below permit benchmarks. **Therefore, the requested monitoring waiver meets permit conditions for a monitoring waiver.** The monitoring waiver is in effect for the remainder of the permit term unless revoked given the conditions listed in *Schedule B.4.a.ii.2*. **Please note that the monthly visual observations for floating solids, foam, discoloration and visible oil sheen at all monitoring points is still required and cannot be waived.**

The facility has recently installed treatment systems upstream of sample points 03 and 04. The City recommends that sampling to assess treatment system media efficiency continues on a regular basis. Sampling results for any samples collected at the monitoring points described in the Stormwater Pollution Control Plan must be submitted on future Discharge Monitoring Reports and tier 1 reports prepared in response, as necessary if benchmark exceedances occur.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at (503) 823-7192.

Sincerely,

Laura Johnson
Industrial Stormwater Program