

# Public Notice

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10  
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Seattle, Washington 98101  
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT  
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR

## Joint Base Lewis-McChord

TO DISCHARGE STORMWATER TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES  
and  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE  
WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

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**Public Notice Issuance Date: January 26, 2012**  
**Public Notice Expiration Date: March 30, 2012**

1. Applicant

Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
Public Works, Environmental Division  
Box 339500, MS 17  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington 98433-9500

Permit No.: WAS-026638

Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) owns and operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) within the portion of the military subinstallation located within Pierce and Thurston Counties. Storm water runoff from the MS4 discharges to Clover Creek, Murray Creek, American Lake and other nearby water bodies. A fact sheet is available.

2. Tentative Determination

The Region 10 Office of the EPA has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

3. State Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the State of Washington, Department of Ecology to consider issuing Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification that the permit will comply with the applicable Washington Water Quality Standards. The NPDES permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of CWA Section 401 have been met.

4. Document Availability

The draft NPDES permit and related documents can be reviewed or obtained by contacting EPA's Regional Office in Seattle between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (see address above). The draft permit and fact sheet can also be downloaded from EPA's internet website at <http://www.epa.gov/region10/stormwater.htm>. The documents may also be requested by e-mail from [washington.audrey@epa.gov](mailto:washington.audrey@epa.gov) or [vakoc.misha@epa.gov](mailto:vakoc.misha@epa.gov).

5. Public Meeting & Requests for Public Hearing

EPA has scheduled a public meeting to discuss this permit and accept written comment on Monday, March 19, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Lakewood Library, 6300 Wildaire Road Southwest, Lakewood, Washington 98499. EPA will host an open house at 6:00 pm, and the meeting will be conducted between 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Persons wishing to request that a formal public hearing be held must submit their request via email to the EPA address listed below no later than February 10, 2012. A request for a public hearing should identify the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number.

6. Public Comment

Persons wanting to comment on the proposed permit may do so in writing no later than the public notice expiration date, March 30, 2012. All comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter, as well as a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and relevant facts upon which it is based. Comments regarding the draft permit may be sent to:

EPA Region 10  
Office of Water and Watersheds, OWW-130  
Attn: NPDES Stormwater – JBLM #WAS-026638  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101

or via email to the following address: [vakoc.misha@epa.gov](mailto:vakoc.misha@epa.gov)

Persons wishing to comment on the pending State Certification may do so in writing no later than the public notice expiration date, March 30, 2012, to:

Vincent McGowan  
Washington Department of Ecology  
Southwest Regional Office, Water Quality Program  
300 Desmond Drive  
Lacey, WA 98503

or via email to the following address: [vincent.mcgowan@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:vincent.mcgowan@ecy.wa.gov)

After the public comment period expires and all significant comments are considered, EPA's regional Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds will make a final decision regarding permit issuance. If no comments requesting a change in the proposed permit are received, the tentative conditions in the proposed permit become final, and the permit will become effective upon issuance. If comments are submitted, EPA will prepare a response to comments, and, if necessary, will make changes to the proposed permit. After making any necessary changes, EPA

will obtain a final CWA Section 401 certification from Ecology and issue the permit with a response to comments (unless issuance of a new proposed permit is warranted pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.14.) The permit will become effective no earlier than 33 days after the issuance date, unless the permit is appealed to the Environmental Appeals Board within 30 days, pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.19.

**Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice:**

For technical questions regarding the draft permit or fact sheet, contact Misha Vakoc at the phone number or e-mail address at the beginning of this document. If you need a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523, or at [washington.audrey@epa.gov](mailto:washington.audrey@epa.gov). TTY/TDD users please dial Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6388. Please provide one week advance notice for special requests not related to ongoing programs and services.