



**Office of the Mayor**  
**City of Seattle**  
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

**Executive Order: 01-08**  
**NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit**

*An Executive Order directing all City Departments to coordinate together to comply with the requirements of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit, which has been issued to the City of Seattle by the Washington State Department of Ecology under the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act.*

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has long prided itself on its commitment to the environment;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Executive Order 03-04 directs City departments with responsibilities for and connections to water quality and aquatic habitat issues to develop a shared, broad-based strategy know as 'Restore our Waters' to better protect and restore water quality and aquatic habitat within the City;

WHEREAS, managing municipal stormwater runoff is a critical component of any strategy to meet the City of Seattle's long-standing objective to protect, improve, and enhance the City's lakes, creeks, bays, rivers, and other surface and ground waters;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology has issued to the City a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) of the federal Clean Water Act that contains a suite of conditions and requirements for managing municipal stormwater runoff;

WHEREAS, compliance with the City's NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit is a responsibility of the entire city and all City departments;

WHEREAS, the City's NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit contains a specific requirement to establish in writing an Executive Directive requiring internal coordination among all departments affected by the permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Seattle Mayor, do order all City departments to coordinate all stormwater-related policies, programs, and projects to the maximum extent practicable and I order all City departments to eliminate barriers to compliance with the terms of the permit.

FURTHERMORE, I direct all City departments to review the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit that has been issued by Ecology and to identify all requirements for which they are responsible and each Director will be responsible for meeting those requirements and associated deadlines that apply to his or her respective department.

FUTHERMORE, I direct Seattle Public Utilities to serve as the lead department in all matters related to overall City compliance with the permit.

FURTHERMORE, I direct Seattle Public Utilities to provide sufficient information to each department, including technical support, and providing a forum for intra-governmental coordination so the City is able to meet the requirements of the permit.

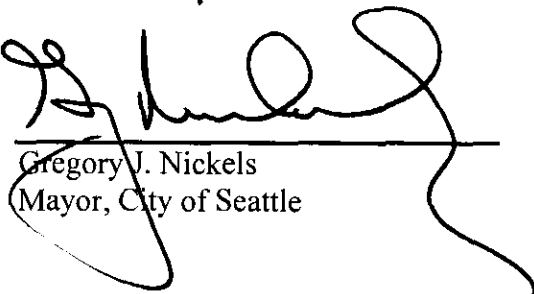
FURTHERMORE, I direct all City departments to provide to Seattle Public Utilities all necessary reporting elements and supporting material necessary to comply with the reporting requirements and associated deadlines of the permit.

FURTHERMORE, Seattle Public Utilities is directed to compile information received from other departments, and to prepare and submit on my behalf all reports to Ecology under the terms of the permit.

FURTHERMORE, the City of Seattle, is required by the permit to certify that all reports submitted to Ecology are true, accurate and complete. And the City of Seattle can be subject to penalties for submitting false information. Therefore, each department must ensure that documents and all attachments prepared in compliance with this permit are true, accurate, and complete before submitting them to Seattle Public Utilities. Seattle Public Utilities may issue additional direction to departments to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Questions regarding this Executive Order should be directed to Trish Rhay at 206-386-1832 (SPU), Darla Inglis, Ph.D. 206-233-7160 (SPU), and Robert D. Chandler, Ph.D., P.E., 206-386-4576 (SPU).

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008



Gregory J. Nickels  
Mayor, City of Seattle