

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5407

As of February 18, 2013

Title: An act relating to electronic filing of pollutant discharge elimination permit system applications.

Brief Description: Concerning electronic filing of pollutant discharge elimination permit system applications.

Sponsors: Senator Ericksen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Energy, Environment & Telecommunications: 2/19/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Background: The federal Clean Water Act establishes the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), which regulates waste water discharges from point sources to surface waters. NPDES permitting authority is delegated to the state, allowing the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to issue stormwater permits to cities and counties.

NPDES permits are required for anyone who discharges wastewater to surface waters or who has a significant potential to impact surface waters. NPDES permits are required for stormwater discharges from certain industries, construction sites of specified sizes, and municipalities operating municipal separate storm sewer systems that meet specified criteria.

Summary of Bill: Ecology must provide electronic filing for NPDES applications, updates, revisions to the applications, and data reporting. Ecology must develop any forms necessary for electronic filing.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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