March 26, 2020

Clear Creek Systems, Inc.’s Customers, Subcontractors and Vendors:

We are writing regarding the “Shelter in Place” and "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" executive orders issued by Governor Newsom in California (March 17, 2020), Governor Inslee in Washington (March 24, 2020), and Governor Brown in Oregon (March 24, 2020) to minimize spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Clear Creek Systems, Inc. fully appreciates the bold efforts underway to contain this disease, while also recognizing that essential functions must continue, albeit under increased safety precautions. As a company, we have moved quickly and are continuing to adapt as necessary to these new measures.

Through the definitions provided, Clear Creek Systems, Inc. is considered an essential business. We have attached the announcements made by the California Regional Water Control Boards and the Department of Ecology in Washington that regulatory compliance will be enforced throughout the current crisis. Therefore, we remain open and actively completing projects and pursuing new projects.

Clear Creek Systems, Inc. fully supports safety guidance provided by authorities regarding social distancing when around others. We are making numerous changes in our operations to assure six feet spacing around necessary workers and workspaces, along with rigorous sanitation and hygiene practices.

We adhere to the following procedures around construction projects and fabrication work in the shop:

- The lead supervisor is the designated employee to establish and enforce social distancing procedures.
- Everyone must adhere to social distancing protocols at all project sites, shops, and offices.
- The total number of employees present at all times, whether Clear Creek Systems, Inc.’s staff, vendors, or customers, must allow for social distancing.
- All staff are asked to clean high-touch surfaces at the beginning and end of each shift at a minimum.
- Sharing of tools is discouraged. If tools are required to be shared, the user will be required to clean the tool between use.
- Personal protective gloves will be worn at all times if humanly possible, along with any other necessary PPE.
- Best practices will be followed at our project sites, shops, and offices, including frequent hand washing or sanitizing, social distancing, and staying at home when not feeling well or instructed to isolate.
• We will strive to keep all projects and essential shop activity moving forward to the best of our ability.
• Office employees that can efficiently fulfill their role remotely are encouraged to do so.

We have also included our Coronavirus Safety Topic that was reviewed on Monday March 23, 2020 by all field personnel during the Daily JHA Safety Meeting and by all office staff.

Please contact Clear Creek Systems, Inc.’s office regarding any specific needs or requests. We appreciate your cooperation during these challenging weeks.

Sincerely,

Clear Creek Systems, Inc.

Jayson Samuli
Chief Operating Officer
Compliance with Water Board Requirements During the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Emergency

The State Water Resources Control Board and the nine California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (the Water Boards) are continuing their efforts to protect public health, safety, and the environment consistent with all federal, state, and local public health directives and guidelines related to COVID-19.

Please be aware that timely compliance by the regulated community with all Water Board orders and other requirements (including regulations, permits, contractual obligations, primacy delegations, and funding conditions) is generally considered to be an essential function during the COVID-19 response. As a result, the Water Boards consider compliance with board-established orders and other requirements to be within the essential activities, essential governmental functions, or comparable exceptions to shelter-in-place directives provided by local public health officials.

If there is a specific Water Board order or requirement that cannot be timely met because it would be inconsistent with current governmental directives or guidelines related to COVID-19, the entity responsible for compliance with the Water Board order or requirement must notify the applicable Water Board immediately. The notification shall be via electronic mail to the applicable Water Board using the appropriate email address identified below, and shall include:

- the specific Water Board order, regulation, permit, or other requirement that cannot be timely met,
- the inconsistent COVID-19 directive or guideline,
- an explanation of why the responsible entity cannot timely meet the Water Board order or requirement, and
- any action that the entity will take in lieu of complying with the specific Water Board order or requirement.

Water Board staff will do their best to respond within 24/48 hours.

Please note that more specific directions for certain types of Water Board orders and other requirements may also be provided.

Contacts for the Water Boards
State Water Board Organizations

- State Water Board – Administrative Hearings Office: Alan.Lilly@waterboards.ca.gov
- State Water Board – Division of Administrative Services - Fees: David.Ceccarelli@waterboards.ca.gov
- State Water Board – Water Quality and UST Regulatory: DWQ@waterboards.ca.gov
- State Water Board – Financial Assistance: Nichole.Morgan@waterboards.ca.gov

Regional Water Boards

- North Coast Water Board: NorthCoast@Waterboards.ca.gov
- San Francisco Bay Water Board: RB2-SFBayExecSupport@Waterboards.ca.gov
- Central Coast Water Board: Sheila.Soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov
- Los Angeles Water Board: Russ.Colby@waterboards.ca.gov
- Central Valley Water Board: Kari.Holmes@waterboards.ca.gov
- Lahontan Water Board – North: Scott.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov; South: Patrice.Copeland@waterboards.ca.gov
- Colorado River Basin Water Board: Cassandra.Owens@waterboards.ca.gov
- Santa Ana Water Board: Jayne.Joy@waterboards.ca.gov
- San Diego Water Board: SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov

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Water is a precious resource in California, and maintaining its quality is of utmost importance to safeguard the health of the public and the environment.

Statewide Campaigns

- EPA Water Sense
- Report an Environmental Concern
- Save Our Water
- Flex Alert
- Register to Vote

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/covid-19_updates/index.html
Regulatory flexibility

During the COVID-19 outbreak, we will continue to respond to spills, provide technical assistance, ensure permit coverage for regulated activities, and enforce the laws that protect the environment throughout the current crisis. However, we recognize the public health crisis and economic disruptions related to the COVID-19 outbreak may temporarily affect some of the regulated entities' ability to comply with all state requirements. All applicable state requirements remain in effect, but Ecology will exercise reasonable discretion within our authority when deciding whether to pursue potential violations that may be linked to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage regulated entities to document the types of disruptions that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused for operations, and contact us with specific information related to the circumstance, including staffing and service shortages, disposal schedules, etc.

Public meetings & facilities

All of Ecology's public offices are closed to walk-in service until at least April 8. All public comment periods and public meeting changes can be found on Ecology's Public Input and Events page.

Inspections & audits

In accordance with Governor Inslee's “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, we've suspended all field work and field inspections through April 8. After we resume our inspection program, inspections will be prioritized based on the potential for immediate environmental harm. There may be delays to routine inspections until we are able to fully resume our field work. We will follow the advice of public health officials in making decisions around field inspections.

Permitting

Our agency is still processing permit applications. We encourage electronic submission. Please be aware that there may be increased turnaround times during this period. If you have questions about specific permit timeframes, please contact one of the individuals in the Points of contact section below.

Compliance and enforcement

We will continue compliance and enforcement efforts during this time. We're aware that some businesses may be running into compliance issues based on business impacts that can be attributed to COVID-19. We encourage you to reach out to us directly to discuss your options.

Air & Climate

Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality
MengChiu Lim at 360-407-6812 or mengchiu.lim@ecy.wa.gov

Commercial or Industrial Air Quality issues
Karin Baldwin at 509-329-3452 or karin.baldwin@ecy.wa.gov

Agricultural and Outdoor Burning Air Quality issues
Daniel Matsche at 509-329-3523 or daniel.matsche@ecy.wa.gov

Water & Shorelines

Individual Water Quality Permits
contacts section on the Individual Permits Contacts webpage

General Water Quality Permit issues
contact your regional permit administrator

Water Quality Compliance issues, permittees should contact their designated staff contact in their permit coverage letter, information available in our PARIS database.

For all other Water Quality Compliance issues, please contact Water Quality Reception at 360-407-6600

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance issues
Gordon White at 360-407-6977 or gordon.white@ecy.wa.gov
Water Resources Permit issues
Scott Turner at 509-406-7261 or scott.turner@ecy.wa.gov
Water Resources Enforcement issues
Kellie Gillingham at 425-429-4270 or kellie.gillingham@ecy.wa.gov

Waste & Toxics
Solid Waste issues
Chuck Matthews at 360-407-6383 or chuck.matthews@ecy.wa.gov
Industrial Section Solid Waste issues
James DeMay at 360-407-6868 or james.demay@ecy.wa.gov
Hazardous Waste issues
Jim Pearson at 509-457-7142 or james.pearson@ecy.wa.gov
Nuclear Waste issues
Stephanie Schleif at 509-372-7974 or stephanie.schleif@ecy.wa.gov

Spills & Cleanup
Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response
Jase Brooks at 360-951-9490 or jase.brooks@ecy.wa.gov
Underground Storage Tank issues
Kris Grinnell at 360-407-7382 or kristopher.grinnell@ecy.wa.gov
For general Toxics Cleanup issues, please contact Jim Pendowski at 360-407-7177 or jim.pendowski@ecy.wa.gov

Other topics
Environmental Assessment issues
Annette Hoffmann at 360-407-6699 or annette.hoffmann@ecy.wa.gov
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Clear Creek Systems, Inc.

Given the significance of this emerging threat, it is recommended for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic that each work shift begin with a short tailgate on this topic with emphasis on all items in #7 below.

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) – What is it?
   a. Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses that are common among animals and humans. This novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is a newly discovered coronavirus not previously detected.
   b. The source of the virus is not yet known.

2. What are the symptoms? Typically, human coronaviruses cause mild-to-moderate respiratory illness. Symptoms include:
   a. Fever
   b. Cough
   c. Shortness of breath
   d. COVID-19 can cause more severe respiratory illness

3. How is it spread?
   a. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person between people who are in close contact with one another (within 6”).
   b. Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands, or touching an object with the virus on it, followed by touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands can spread the virus.
   c. This occurs through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
   d. The droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly inhaled into the lungs.

4. Treatment
   a. Currently, there is no vaccine for COVID-19 and no specific treatment beyond those typically prescribed for the seasonal flu.

5. If you’re ill (whether or not diagnosed with COVID-19)
   a. Notify your employer immediately.
   b. Stay home except to get medical care – don’t go to work, school or public areas.
      c. Wear a surgical mask when around other people or when visiting a health care provider.
      d. Call ahead before visiting your doctor.
e. Clean all “high touch” surfaces every day with a household cleaner spray or wipe.
f. Avoid sharing personal household items like drinking glasses, utensils or bedding. Wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after each use.
g. Seek medical attention if your conditions worsen.

6. Who is at higher risk?
   a. Older adults (65+)
   b. Individuals with compromised immune systems
   c. Individuals who have serious chronic medical conditions like:
      i. Heart disease
      ii. Diabetes
      iii. Lung disease

7. How can people protect themselves?
   a. Wash hands with soap and water (at least 20 seconds).
   b. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. If surfaces are dirty, clean them using detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
   c. **CRITICALLY IMPORTANT: DO NOT TOUCH EYES, MOUTH OR NOSE WITH UNWASHED HANDS.**
   d. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow, then wash your hands thoroughly.
   e. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
   f. Stay away from work, school or other people if you are sick with respiratory symptoms like fever or cough.
   g. Do not share eating utensils or beverage containers with anyone.