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"After the Storm" to Air on The Weather Channel

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A new half hour television special about watersheds, "After the Storm," co-produced by The Weather Channel (TWC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) premiered on TWC on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 and will be replayed several times this weekend.

The show highlights three case studies-Santa Monica Bay, the Mississippi River Basin/Gulf of Mexico, and New York City- where polluted runoff threatens watersheds highly valued for recreation, commercial fisheries and navigation, and drinking water. Key scientists and water quality experts, and citizens involved in local and national watershed protection efforts provide insight into the problems as well as solutions to today's water quality challenges.

After the Storm also explains simple things people can do to protect their local watershed- such as picking up after one's dog, recycling household hazardous wastes, and conserving water. Benjamin Grumbles, EPA's Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, said "I encourage everyone to tune in...to learn more about the threats facing our nation's waters from polluted runoff. After the Storm shows the connection between weather and watersheds and the importance of watershed protection. We all live in a watershed and we all have an impact on our environment."

In Kitsap County two out of three County residents cited water pollution as a major or moderate issue. You can learn about the County's efforts to fight water pollution at the Surface and Stormwater Management Program's web site (<http://www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/>).

The program will air according to the schedule show below. Check with your local cable or satellite provider for channel listings. More information about the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/>.

Thursday, January 20, 2005 9:30 p.m.

Friday, January 21, 2005 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 22, 2005 10:30 am

Saturday, January 22, 2005 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 23, 2005 9:30 am

Sunday, January 23, 2005 2:30 p.m.

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