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PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing EPA's request to Ecology for Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification on the Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit (#WA0021997)

Proposed Permit

The United States Environmental Protection Agency requested Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 certification on February 23, 2022 for the following draft permit:

- NPDES Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997

The draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997, authorizes a single point source discharge of treated domestic wastewater from the facility which is located in Port Hadlock, Washington.

Purpose of the Permit

The draft NPDES Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997 would replace the existing 1985 NPDES Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997 once finalized. The existing permit was issued for a five-year term in 1985, expired in 1990, and has been administratively extended by the EPA since then. The draft 2022 NPDES Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997 is updated from the expired permit to account for updates to water quality and technology-based standards. The permit would authorize a single point source discharge of treated domestic wastewater into Port Townsend Bay in Puget Sound.

Purpose of the 401 Certifications

Section 401 of the CWA provides that the federal government may not issue a permit relating to any activity which may result in any discharge into the navigable waters until a certification is granted or waived by the state in which the discharge originates, or will originate. The state certification evaluates whether the discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 306, and 307 of the CWA and appropriate requirements of state law. Ecology will review the draft permits pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, and with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws.

Copies of the Draft Permits

Draft NPDES permit documents for the NPDES Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997 are available [online](#)¹. EPA's public comment period ends on March 25, 2022.

Contact EPA staff, James Earl at earl.james@epa.gov or 503-326-2653 with questions related to EPA's NPDES Permit for Naval Magazine Indian Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Permit #WA0021997 documents. Ecology is not accepting comments on the contents of the draft permit documents.

Submitting Written Comments

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties on EPA's 401 Certification request, in relation to water pollution control considerations. Ecology will accept written comments until midnight, March 30, 2022. Ecology prefers comments be submitted electronically via the online portal. Alternatively, Ecology is accepting comments supplied by email or in a letter format mailed directly to Ecology.

Submit comments online (preferred method): [Online Comment Form](#)²

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You must provide comments before midnight, March 30, 2022. Written comments must have a postmark no later than midnight, March 30, 2022.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/aquatics/notices/>

² <https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=Qsjh8>