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PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing Draft **United States Department of the Navy Naval Base Kitsap Bangor National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (#WA0025577)**
Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification

Proposed Permit

The United States Environmental Protection Agency requested Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 certification on Feb. 14, 2023 for the following draft permit:

- United States Department of the Navy Naval Base Kitsap Bangor National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (#WA0025577)

The proposed NPDES Permit for the drydock area and wastewater generated during such operations is operated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (NPDES) at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor.

Purpose of the Permit

The proposed NPDES Permit would replace the existing permit once finalized. The existing permit was issued for a five-year term in 2010, expired on Aug. 31, 2015 and has been administratively extended since then. This permit would authorize wastewater discharges into waters of Washington State.

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 draft Permit are available on EPA's [webpage](#). EPA's public comment period ends on Mar. 16, 2023.

Contact EPA staff, Brian Nickel at nickel.brian@epa.gov or 206-553-6251 with questions related to EPA's draft permit documents. Ecology is not accepting comments on the contents of the draft permit documents.

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Submitting Written Comments

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties on EPA's request, in relation to water pollution control considerations. Ecology will accept written comments until midnight, **Mar. 20, 2023**. Ecology prefers comments be submitted electronically via the online portal. Alternatively, comments may be supplied by email or in a letter format mailed directly to Ecology.

Submit comments online (preferred method):

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

Submit comments by mail to: Angela Zeigenfuse, WQ Program
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You must provide comments before midnight, Mar. 20, 2023. Written comments must be postmarked no later than midnight, Mar. 20, 2023.

