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July 6, 2021

Jeannette Evans, President
Evans Fruit Co.
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**RE: Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit No's.: WAG435106 Cowiche City Rd. Plant
and WAG435180 Tieton Main Plant #1**

Dear Jeannette Evans:

I visited both the Cowiche City Rd Plant and the Tieton Main Plant #1 lined evaporative lagoons on Friday, June 25, 2021. The purpose of this visit was to conduct a **routine compliance inspection of the liquid dry lagoons**.

The Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit requires that all lined evaporative lagoons be completely emptied (all solids and liquid) once per permit term and inspected by a certified geomembrane specialist. Ecology staff cannot perform liner inspections for the facility. It is imperative the Evans lagoons be inspected at this time.

After viewing them on Friday, June 25th, my best suggestion, is to add enough water to slurry the bottom, hire a pumper truck to remove the slurried sludge and dispose of it an acceptable manner. Once that is completed hire the certified inspectors to examine the liner.

Evans Fruit also needs to improve the road into the Tieton Main Plant #1 lined evaporative lagoon and make it accessible for the permit required inspections while it is being used for disposal. This will be necessary for pumper tank usage anyway. Please maintain the driveway for year-round access.

Permit reference(s): S5.A.2.e, h, l.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these requirements, please contact me at 509-406-6624 or marcia.porter@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia Porter".

Marcia Porter
Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit Writer/Manager
Water Quality Program

cc: Barb Evans, Regulatory/RMP Manager, Evans Fruit Co.