



State of Washington Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
WATER COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT

substitute for OMB No. 2040-0057
and EPA form 3560-3 (Rev. 9-94)
(last file update 12-95.)

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)

Transaction Code 1 N 2 5	NPDES # 3 ST000XXX 11	yr/mo/day 12 24/01/19 17	Inspection Type 18 C	Inspector 19 S	Facility Type 20 2
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Remarks

Inspection work days 67 0.5 69	Facility Self-Monitoring Evaluation Rating 70 5	BI 71 N	QA 72 N	-----Reserved----- 73 ____ 74 ____ 75 ____ 80
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Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) GACO Western/GWI Holdings 18700 Southcenter Parkway Tukwila, WA	Entry Time/Date 13:00 PM 01/19/2024	Permit Effective Date 04/28/2021
	Exit Time / Date 13:20 PM 01/19/2024	Permit Expiration Date 5/31/2026
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) Brad Helland (206) 372-6806	Other Facility Data	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number. E. Bryant Hill 1000 1 st Ave, #2201 Seattle, WA 98104-0902 Phone Number () Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)

<input type="checkbox"/> Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operations & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> CSO/SSO (Sewer Overflow)
<input type="checkbox"/> Records/Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge Handling/Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility Site Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Schedules	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretreatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia
<input type="checkbox"/> Effluent/Receiving water	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water	<input type="checkbox"/> System upgrades

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

INTRODUCTION



This site uses hybrid poplar trees to treat groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds.

INSPECTION RESULTS

This was an informal site drive-by to evaluate the current conditions of the site. Photos were taken from public access outside the treatment area.

DISCUSSION

The hybrid poplar trees are still in place (Photo 1). It appears that the source water pipes have been capped off (Photo 4)

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Signature of Management Q A Reviewer 	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers WA Dept. of Ecology NWRO / (206) 594-0000 Fax: (206) 594-XXXX	Date Feb 22, 2024

UNANNOUNCED Inspection

INSTRUCTIONS**Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)**

Column 1: Transaction Code. Use N, C, or D for New Change or Delete. All inspections will be new unless there is an error in the data entered.

Columns 3-11: NPDES Permit No. Enter the facility's NPDES permit number. (*Use the Remarks columns to record State permit number, if necessary.*)

Columns 12-17: Inspection Date. Insert the date entry was made into the facility. Use the year/month/day format (e.g., 94/06/30 = June 30, 1994).

Column 18: Inspection Type. Use one of the codes listed below to describe the type of inspection:

A Performance Audit	L Enforcement Case Support	2 IU Sampling Inspection
B Compliance Biomonitoring	M Multimedia	3 IU Non-Sampling Inspection
C Compliance Evaluation (non- sampling)	P Pretreatment Compliance Inspection	4 IU Toxics Inspection
D Diagnostic	R Reconnaissance	5 IU Sampling Inspection with Pretreatment
E Corps of Engineers Inspection	S Compliance Sampling	6 IU Non-Sampling Inspection with pretreatment
F Pretreatment Follow-up	U IU Inspection with Pretreatment Audit	7 IU Toxics with Pretreatment
G Pretreatment Audit	X Toxics Inspection	
I Industrial User (IU) Inspection	Z Sludge	

Column 19: Inspector Code. Use one of the codes listed below to describe the *lead agency* in the inspection.

C – Contractor or Other Inspectors (<i>Specify in Remarks Columns</i>)	N – NEIC Inspectors
E – Corps of Engineers	R – EPA Regional Inspector
J – Joint EPA/State Inspectors - EPA Lead	S – State Inspector
	T – Joint State/EPA Inspectors - State Lead

Column 20: Facility Type. Use one of the codes below to describe the facility.

- 1 – Municipal. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) with 1987 Standard Industrial Code (SIC) 4952.
- 2 – Industrial. Other than municipal, agricultural, and Federal facilities.
- 3 – Agricultural. Facilities classified with 1987 SIC 0111 to 0971.
- 4 – Federal. Facilities identified as Federal by the EPA Regional Office

Columns 21-66: Remarks. These columns are reserved for remarks at the discretion of the Region.

Columns 67-69: Inspection Work Days. Estimate the total work effort (to the nearest 0.1 work day), up to 99.9 days, that were used to complete the inspection and submit a QA reviewed report of findings. This estimate includes the accumulative effort of all participating inspectors; any effort for laboratory analyses, testing, and remote sensing; and the billed payroll time for travel and pre and post inspection preparation. This estimate does not require detailed documentation.

Column 70: Facility Evaluation Rating. Use information gathered during the inspection (regardless of inspection type) to evaluate the quality of the facility self-monitoring program. Grade the program using a scale of 1 to 5 with a score of 5 being used for very reliable self-monitoring programs, 3 being satisfactory, and 1 being used for very unreliable programs.

Column 71: Biomonitoring Information. Enter D for static testing. Enter F for flow through testing. Enter N for no biomonitoring.

Column 72: Quality Assurance Data Inspection. Enter Q if the inspection was conducted as follow-up on quality assurance sample results. Enter N otherwise.

Columns 73-80: These columns are reserved for regionally defined information.

Section B: Facility Data

This section is self-explanatory except for "Other Facility Data," which may include new information not in the permit or PCS (e.g., new outfalls, names of receiving waters, new ownership, and other updates to the record).

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

Check only those areas evaluated by marking the appropriate box. Use Section D and additional sheets as necessary. Support the findings, as necessary, in a brief narrative report. Use the headings given on the report form (e.g., Permit, Records/Reports) when discussing the areas evaluated during the inspection. The heading marked "Multimedia" may indicate medium such as CAA, RCRA, and TSCA. The heading marked "Other" may indicate activities such as SPCC, BMPs, and concerns that are not covered elsewhere.

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments

Briefly summarize the inspection findings. This summary should abstract the pertinent inspection findings, not replace the narrative report. Reference a list of attachments, such as completed checklists taken from the NPDES Compliance Inspection Manuals and pretreatment guidance documents, including effluent data when sampling has been done. Use extra sheets as necessary.

Photo Addendum – GACO Western; 01/19/2024



Photo 1

Description: View of hybrid poplar trees used for treatment.



Photo 2

Description: Monitoring well MW-1.



Photo 3

Description: Flow control box at head of poplar trees.



Photo 4

Description: Flow control box.

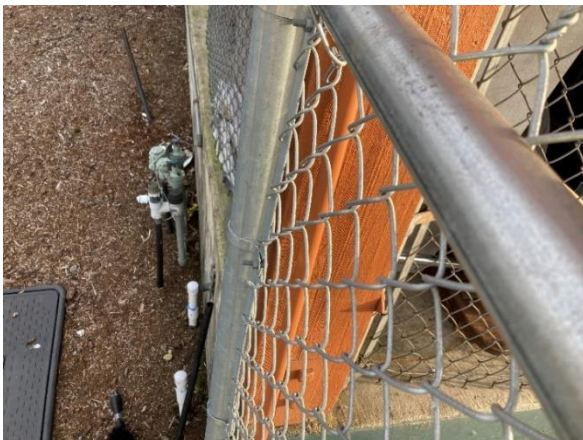


Photo 5

Description: Stub pipes. Possibly source water

Photo 6

Description: