



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

Eastern Region Office

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March 20, 2024

Paul Stenhouse
Environmental Manager
Group 14 Technologies
13431 Wheeler Road NE
Moses Lake, Washington 98837

RE: Notice of Temporary State Waste Discharge Permit

Dear Paul Stenhouse:

Group 14 Technologies application for a State Waste Discharge permit for their carbon and graphite product manufacturing facility in Moses Lake, was received by this office on October 10, 2023, and was accepted as sufficiently complete on December 11, 2023. A public notice was published on February 6, 2024 and February 13, 2024 in the Columbia Basin Herald.

Any applicant who proposes to discharge waste materials into waters of the state or into a municipal sewerage system must file an application with the department at least 60-days prior to discharging. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-216-070 explains what satisfies the requirement for filing a permit application. WAC 173-216-090 requires publication of a public notice followed by a 30-day comment period. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.48.200 states, "In the event of failure of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to act upon an application within 60 days after it has been filed, the applicant shall be deemed to have received a temporary permit. Said permit shall authorize the applicant to discharge wastes into waters of the state as requested in its application only until such time as Ecology shall have taken action upon said application".

Therefore, as RCW 90.48.200 and WAC173-216 provide, your new temporary permit became effective December 10, 2023, and will remain in force for up to five years or until notified by Ecology, whichever comes first. Ecology requests that Group 14 Technologies comply with any temporary provisions associated with the application accepted on December 11, 2023 or until Ecology issues a final permit. Group 14 Technologies will have an opportunity to review the proposed permit prior to final issuance by Ecology.

Ecology has adopted a regulation (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishing annual permit fees for all municipal/domestic and industrial wastewater discharge permit holders. Group 14 Technologies temporary permit is subject to this fee starting on its effective date and will be notified of the amount of the fee, payment schedules, and other details in a separate mailing from Ecology Fee Unit.



You are required to comply with all water pollution laws and regulations. This authorization does not allow you to discharge pollutants not specified in your application and attachments or in quantities exceeding those specified in your application. A new application or supplement to the current application must be submitted along with required engineering plans and reports, whenever a new or increased discharge or change in the nature of the discharge is anticipated. An application or supplement must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the proposed change or increase in discharge

Your right to appeal

You have the right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this permit.

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this permit with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

Filing an appeal

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit <https://eluhho.wa.gov> or call (360) 664-9160.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, Washington 98503

Mailing Address

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
P.O. Box 47608
Olympia, Washington 98504-7608

E-Mail Address

ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov



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Please contact Pat Hallinan at (509) 329-3500 or by email at phal461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions about the application or the permitting process.

Sincerely,



Adriane P. Borgias
Water Quality Section Manager
Eastern Regional Office
Washington State Department of Ecology

APB:sj

cc: Don Kersey, Group 14 Technologies
Ecology Permit Fee Unit
Art Jenkins, PE, WQP Permit Management Unit Supervisor, Ecology Eastern Region
Pat Hallinan, WQP Permit Development Unit Supervisor, Ecology Eastern Region

