



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 26, 2014

RE: Administrative Extension for Coverage under the General Permit for the Fresh Fruit Packing Industry, Effective January 1, 2015

Dear Permittee:

The Fresh Fruit Packing Industry General Permit (general permit) expired on July 1, 2014. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) administratively extended the general permit until December 31, 2014. Ecology is unable to reissue the general permit prior to December 31, 2014. Ecology is administratively extending the general permit beginning **January 1, 2015**, until further notice. Ecology expects to reissue the Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit in 2015.

A draft permit and fact sheet was developed and Ecology is addressing comments received. A copy of the revised draft permit and fact sheet will be sent to you when Ecology sends a Public Notice of Draft out to the public for review and 30 day comment period.

Your facility will continue to have permit coverage under the general permit that was issued in 2009. In accordance with Chapter 90.48 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), **your existing permit and the terms and conditions thereof remain in effect until reissuance of the general permit.** You are also required to comply with all water pollution laws and regulations.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Sanjay Barik at 509/454-4247.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles McKinney".

Charles McKinney
Section Manager
Water Quality Program