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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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August 4, 2015

Suzanne Forsyth
Mercer Wine Estates
3100 Lee Road
Prosser, WA 99350

RE: Application for Renewal of State Wastewater Discharge Permit No. ST0009263 for Mercer Wine Estates

Dear Ms. Forsyth:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued Permit No. ST0009263 for the discharge of treated process wastewater from Mercer Wine Estates to the City of Prosser Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). This permit is due to expire on **September 30, 2016** and requires you to submit an application for renewal. Ecology has been issuing all recent State permits with a one year advance requirement for application submittal, based on the lead time required to prepare modern permits.

Completing the Application

Permit application form 040-177 is enclosed. I am also enclosing a copy of your expiring permit and July 11, 2007 application. Application form 040-177 is available on the Ecology website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/forms.html>. Please mail the completed application to this office by **September 30, 2015**.

Please complete all of Sections A through J of the enclosed permit application. Please submit any additional information that you feel may help Ecology determine the impact of your discharge upon the POTW.

Section J. Certifications has to be signed by the City of Prosser POTW prior to submitting the application to Ecology.

Signature Delegation

Federal and state regulations (WAC 173-216-070) require applications to be signed as follows:

- For corporation, by a principal executive officer or at least the level of vice president.
- For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.



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The principal executive officer may delegate signature authority for submittals required by the permit such as monthly reports to a specific, qualified individual or to a position that Ecology expects is filled with a qualified individual. Please submit a copy of the letter delegating signature authority along with the application for our files.

Submitting the Application

Please mail the **original, signed application** by **September 30, 2015** to:

Cindy Huwe, Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

Information on laws, regulations and guidance on wastewater discharge permits can be found at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/ecywac.html#wq> and
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/guidance.html>.

Your permit application is a matter of public record. When Ecology decides to proceed with re-issuance of your permit, a public notice will be issued to a newspaper of local circulation. This will allow the public to comment on Ecology's decision regarding your permit.

If you have any questions, please contact your facility manager, Jim Leier, at 509/457-7124 or me at 509/457-7105.

Sincerely,



Cindy Huwe
Permit Coordinator
Water Quality Program

Enclosures: State Industrial to POTW Application and Instructions
Copy of Expiring Permit
Copy of July 11, 2007 Application