

October 4, 2010

Susan Reams, Vice President
Ste. Michelle Wine Estates
PO Box 1976
Woodinville, WA 98072

Dear Ms. Reams:

RE: Notice of Temporary State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST-9276 for Ste Michelle Wine Estates – Columbia Crest Winery, Effective September 13, 2010

Thank you for your application for a new State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST-9276 on July 8, 2010. It was reviewed and accepted as complete on July 27, 2010.

A Public Notice of Application was published on August 5 and August 12, 2010, in the Tri City Herald and the public comment period ended September 12, 2010, with no comments being received.

Given our limited resources, we are unable to process your application at this time. **RCW 90.48.200 states, "In the event of failure of the Department to act upon an application within sixty days after it has been filed, the applicant shall be deemed to have a temporary permit. Said permit shall authorize the applicant to discharge waste into waters of the State as requested in its application only until such time as the Department shall have taken action upon said application."**

Therefore, as RCW 90.48.200 and WAC 173-216-090 provide, your new Temporary Permit became effective September 13, 2010, the day following completion of the public notice comment period. It will remain in force for up to five years or until further notice by the Department, whichever occurs first. The Department will undertake writing a full permit as time allows. At that time we will contact you to discuss any changes in operation and to do a site visit.

Your temporary permit consists of the permit application and all appendices submitted with it. Compliance with the application and the appendices will constitute compliance with the temporary permit.

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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 or appendices, or in quantities exceeding those specified. You are also required to comply with all water pollution laws and regulations. A new application is required in five years.

Discharge Monitoring Report Forms

Included is a preprinted Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form for your use in accordance with the conditions stated in the attached permit. Please begin using this **new DMR immediately**. The DMR form is marked at the bottom left with "**Rev 10/4/10**".

The first monitoring period begins on **September 13, 2010**. The Permittee must:

1. Submit monitoring results monthly.
2. Summarize, report, and submit monitoring data obtained during each monitoring period on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form provided, or otherwise approved, by Ecology.
3. Submit DMR forms monthly whether or not the facility was discharging. If the facility did not discharge during a given monitoring period, submit the forms as required with the words "NO DISCHARGE" entered in place of the monitoring results.
4. Ensure that DMR forms are **postmarked or received** no later than the 15th day of the month following the completed monitoring period, unless otherwise specified in this permit.
5. Send report(s) to Ecology at:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902

Signature Delegation Authorization

The Department of Ecology requires a signature delegation authorization letter be submitted to Ecology. Signature authority for submittals required by the permit such as monthly reports may be delegated to a particular, qualified individual or to a position which is expected to be filled by a qualified individual.

I have enclosed an example of a signature authorization delegation letter for your convenience. Please submit a new signature delegation letter as soon as possible to the address listed above. Federal regulations require DMRs to be signed as follows:

- For corporation, by a principal executive officer or at least the level of vice president.

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- For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.

Permit Fees

Under the Model Toxics Control Act, codified as RCW 90.48.465, Ecology is required to recover the cost of the Water Quality Permit Program. Ecology has adopted a regulation (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishing annual permit fees for all municipal/domestic and industrial wastewater discharge permit holders. Your Temporary Permit is subject to this fee.

Your permit fee is subject to the fee schedule in Chapter 173-224 WAC. Permit fee billing will be in a separate mailing from the Ecology Fee Unit.

Please examine the attached application review comment document, prepared by Jim Leier and Dean Smith, Ecology's reviewing engineer. The comments within the document are intended to guide the applicant in completing the documents necessary for Ecology to prepare a full permit.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Jim Leier, your permit manager at 509/457-7124.

Sincerely,

Charles McKinney
Section Manager
Water Quality Program

By Certified Mail

Enclosure: Review Comment Document
 DMR form and CD

c: Shaila Nyborg, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates (with enclosures)
 Bev Poston, Ecology-Olympia
 Cindy Huwe, Ecology-Yakima
 Jim Leier, Ecology-Yakima