

**NOTICE:       ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT WASTEWATER  
DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**PERMIT NO:**           WA0991008

**APPLICANT:**       Hughes Farms, Inc.  
                  13255 Farm to Market Road  
                  Mount Vernon, Skagit County

Hughes Farms, Inc. has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act. The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of treated vegetable washwater and stormwater into a local ditch tributary to Little Indian Slough.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION**

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:302:2346745909698743::NO:RP,302::>

The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Northwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins at (425) 649-7190, email at [sper461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sper461@ecy.wa.gov)

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator  
Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
3190 - 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Email comments should be sent to [tmil461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tmil461@ecy.wa.gov)

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date.

If you require special accommodations or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Tricia Miller at (425)649-7201. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

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