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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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September 6, 2016

Michael Entz, CEO
Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Inc.
PO Box 539
Cosmopolis, WA 98537

Notice of Violation (NOV)	15390
Docket #	
Site Name	Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Inc. located in Grays Harbor county
Site Location	1701 First Street, Cosmopolis, WA 98537

Re: Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Entz:

The Department of Ecology is issuing the enclosed Notice of Violation to you for the potential to discharge polluting matter to waters of the state per 90.48.080 and noncompliance of the NPDES permit no. WA0000809 Condition S4 for proper operation and maintenance. This Notice of Violation is issued under the authority of Revised Code of Washington 90.48.120(1).

All questions in response to this document should be directed to Ha Tran at (360) 407-6064 or ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



James DeMay, P.E.
Industrial Section Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology

Enclosures: Notice of Violation Docket #15390

By Certified Mail [91-7108-2133-3939-7791-8434]

cc: James Smith, Plant Manager
Paula Stoppler, Technical Director
Craig McKinney, Environmental Engineer
Arne Peterson, Environmental Engineer



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IN THE MATTER OF COMPLIANCE) NOTICE OF VIOLATION
BY COSMO SPECIALTY FIBERS) DOCKET # 15390
WITH CHAPTER 90.48 RCW AND THE)
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF)
THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY)

To: Michael Entz, CEO
Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Inc.
1701 First Street
Cosmopolis, WA 98537

Notice of Violation (NOV) Docket #	11278
Site Name	Cosmo Specialty Fibers located in Grays Harbor County
Site Location	1701 First Street, Cosmopolis, WA 98537

Dear Mr. Entz:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is issuing this Notice of Violation to you for violating provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Water Pollution Control. This notice contains Ecology's determination that a violation has or will occur.

Ecology has the authority to issue this Notice of Violation under RCW 90.48.120(1) which reads in part:

"Whenever, in the opinion of the department, any person shall violate or creates a substantial potential to violate the provisions of this chapter or chapter 90.56 RCW, or fails to control the polluting content of waste discharged, or to be discharged into any waters of the state, the department shall notify such person of its determination by registered mail."

PROJECT/SITE LOCATION

Cosmo Specialty Fibers
1701 First Street
Cosmopolis, WA 98537

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RCW 90.48.120(1), as follows:

During the air inspection on August 17, 2017, Cosmo Specialty Fibers (Cosmo) notified Ecology of leaks from their underground process sewer line. This line is constructed of wood stave and conveys treated wastewater to be discharged through outfall 001. The leak is ongoing as of the date of this Notice of Violation and has the potential to discharge to waters of the state, both groundwater and surface water. The leaking pipe is also out of compliance with Cosmo's NPDES permit no. WA0000809 Condition S4 requirement to "at all times, properly operate and maintain all facilities or systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances)." This determination does not constitute an Order or directive under RCW 43.21B.310.

FILE A REPORT WITH ECOLOGY

Pursuant to RCW 90.48.120(1), within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Notice of Violation Cosmo Specialty Fibers must file a full report with Ecology stating:

1. What steps HAVE BEEN taken to control such waste or pollution to otherwise comply with this determination of Ecology?
2. What steps ARE BEING taken to control such waste or pollution to otherwise comply with this determination of Ecology?

Send the report to:

Ha Tran
Department of Ecology, Industrial Section
PO Box 47706
Olympia, WA 98504-7706

ECOLOGY'S RESPONSE

Upon receipt of the report, Ecology will review the information provided and issue an Order or directive as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, and shall notify Cosmo Specialty Fibers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions about this Notice of Violation to:

Ha Tran
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PO Box 47706
Olympia, WA 98504-7706
(360) 407-6064
ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov

MORE INFORMATION

- Chapter 90.48 RCW – Water Pollution Control
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48>

SIGNATURE


James DeMay, P.E.
Industrial Section Manager
Department of Ecology

9/8/17
Date