

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT

Permit No.: WA0022641

Facility: City of Blaine
Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility
272 Marine Drive
Blaine, Whatcom County

The City of Blaine has reapplied 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 Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility currently operates an activated sludge with membrane bioreactors secondary treatment plant designed to handle a maximum month flow of 1.54 MGD. 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 municipal effluent into Semiahmoo Bay.

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 website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/paris/PermitLookup.aspx>. 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 sally.perkins@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:

Mark Henderson
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Bellingham Field Office
1440 10th St., Suite 102
Bellingham, WA 98225

Email comments should be sent to mark.henderson@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. 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.