NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: WA0040258

APPLICANT: Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing
107 Spencer Road
Toledo, WA 98591

Lewis County
2025 Northeast Kresky Avenue
Chehalis, WA 98532

FACILITY: Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing Wastewater Treatment Plant
107 Spencer Road
Toledo, WA 98591

Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing and Lewis County 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.

Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing and Lewis County presently owns or operates a Membrane Bioreactor Extended Aeration Activated Sludge wastewater treatment plant which is designed to handle an average/maximum daily flow of 0.0075 million gallons per day. 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 wastewater from Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing Wastewater Treatment Plant to Cowlitz River.

A tentative determination has been made to reauthorize this permit based 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 (Ecology) website: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Southwest Regional Office, please call 360-407-6365, e-mail publicdisclosureswro@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

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:

Carey Cholski
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Southwest Regional Office
P.O. Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775

E-mail comments should be sent to carey.cholski@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 request should be sent to the above address. Ecology 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. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Carey Cholski at 360-407-6279.