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April 16, 2019

Ben Alworth  
Kyle Mathison Orchards  
4597 Stemilt Hill Road  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

**RE: Public Notice of Application for a New State Waste Discharge Permit  
No. ST0501323 for Stemilt World Famous Compost**

Dear Ben Alworth:

Reference is made to the subject application, submitted under the provisions of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act, for a permit to discharge treated wastewater into public waters of this state. Thank you for submitting an application for a new state waste discharge permit on February 27, 2019, and an initial review shows that your application was accepted as complete on March 28, 2019.

Your application is a matter of public record. State Water Pollution Control Laws requires publishing of a legal Public Notice which describes the discharge for any operation. This is to give the public a chance to be aware of, and comment on any wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. In compliance with this requirement, enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice describing your wastewater discharge. The Department of Ecology will publish this notice in the "Legal Classified Section" of the **Wenatchee World** on **April 30**, and **May 7, 2019**. There will be a 30 day comment period from the last publication date. Comments received during this period will be considered in the formulation of the temporary permit.

Since the Department is unable to act upon the application during the 60 days following acceptance on March 28, 2019, according to RCW 90.48.200, the application and attachments will provide the basis for a **Temporary Permit**. That permit will **become effective 30 days after the final publication date**, provided:

1. no significant comments are received;
2. the details of monitoring, reporting and interim limits are worked out and appended to the application; and
3. the permit application fee has been paid.

The Temporary Permit will remain valid for up to five years or until a formal permit can be written.

In response to the passage of Initiative 97, now codified as RCW 90.48.465, Ecology has adopted a regulation (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishing annual permit fees for all municipal/domestic and industrial wastewater discharge permit holders. You will be officially notified of the amount of the fee, payment schedules, and other details by the Ecology Fee Unit. Please contact Charles Gilman at 360/407-6425 with any fee related questions.



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The regulation also establishes an application fee for first time permit applicants as being either \$250.00 or twenty-five percent of the annual permit fee category assigned the applicant, whichever is greater. After reviewing the information submitted in your application, you have been assessed an application fee of **\$2,454.00** which reflects the following in the application fee schedule:

Category:	Facilities Not Otherwise Classified – Individual Permit Coverage
Subcategory:	c. 10,000- <50,000 gpd
Annual Fee:	\$9,817.00

Please send your payment, along with the enclosed invoice, within 30 days to:

Washington State Department of Ecology  
Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee Program  
PO Box 47611  
Olympia, WA 98504-7611

This fee must be paid before the permit needed for your facility to be in compliance with State and Federal laws can be issued. If you do not agree with the application fee assessed for your facility, you may file an appeal explaining the basis for your disagreement. Please mail your appeal to:

Washington State Department of Ecology  
Water Quality Program  
PO Box 47696  
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

Should you have any questions about this process, please call me at 509/457-7105.

Sincerely,



Cindy Huwe  
Permit Coordinator  
Water Quality Program

Enclosure: Public Notice

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**FEE REMITTANCE FORM**

**Facility Name:** Stemilt World Famous Compost  
**Permit Number:** ST0501323  
**Region:** Central Regional Office  
**Permit Coordinator:** Cindy Huwe  
**Application Fee:** \$2,454.00

Your facility has been assigned the following designation:

Category: Facilities Not Otherwise Classified – Individual Permit Coverage  
Subcategory: c. 10,000- <50,000 gpd

This designation is used to establish the amount of your fee.

Please return this form with your payment. Make your check payable to “Department of Ecology” and mail to:

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