



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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October 21, 2019

Ross Hendrick
PUD No. 2 of Grant County
PO Box 878
Ephrata, WA 98823

Re: New National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Applications for:

**Wanapum Dam, Permit No. WA0991028, 14353 Hwy 243 S, Beverly, WA
Priest Rapids Dam, Permit No. WA0991029, 29086 Hwy 243 S, Mattawa, WA**

Dear Ross Hendrick:

Thank you for your May 7, 2019 applications for new NPDES wastewater discharge permits for Wanapum Dam and Priest Rapids Dam. An initial review shows that your applications are complete and accepted on October 16, 2019.

Your applications are 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 discharges. The Department of Ecology will publish this notice in the "Legal Classified Section" of the **Columbia Basin Herald** on **October 25, 2019**. There will be a 30 day comment period from the last publication date.

To begin the next phase of the permit process Ecology has an application fee of \$1,981.00 per facility, total application fee due will be \$3,962.00. The fee is calculated based on a minimum of \$250.00 or 25 percent of your total annual permit fee, whichever is greater. (See attachments)

Once the application fees are received, Ecology will write draft permits for your review. We anticipate to begin developing your permits immediately.

Enclosed are fee remittance forms for your convenience. If you have questions about these fees, please visit our permit fee website at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Fees> . If you have fee related questions, please call Charles Gilman at (360) 407-6425.



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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.

Wanapum Dam

Category: Power and/or Steam Plants
Subcategory: b. Hydroelectric
Annual Fee: \$7,924.00

Priest Rapids Dam

Category: Power and/or Steam Plants
Subcategory: b. Hydroelectric
Annual Fee: \$7,924.00

These fees must be paid before the permits needed for your facilities to be in compliance with State and Federal laws can be issued. If you do not agree with the application fees assessed for your facilities, 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

If you have any questions about our review of the applications or the permitting process, please contact Keith Primm at 509/457-7124 or email at keith.primm@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Cindy Huwe
Permit Coordinator
Water Quality Program

Enclosures: Fee Remittance Forms

cc: Charles Gilman, Ecology-Olympia

Fiscal Office, Ecology-Olympia

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FEE REMITTANCE FORM

Facility Name: Wanapum Dam
Permit Number: WA0991028
Region: Central Regional Office
Permit Coordinator: Cindy Huwe
Application Fee: \$1981.00

Your facility has been assigned the following designation:

Category: Power and/or Steam Plants
Subcategory: b. Hydroelectric
Annual Fee: \$7,924.00

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:

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

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FEE REMITTANCE FORM

Facility Name: Priest Rapids Dam
Permit Number: WA0991029
Region: Central Regional Office
Permit Coordinator: Cindy Huwe
Application Fee: \$1981.00

Your facility has been assigned the following designation:

Category: Power and/or Steam Plants
Subcategory: b. Hydroelectric
Annual Fee: \$7,924.00

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