

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

PERMIT NO.: WA0991031

APPLICANT: Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

FACILITY: Wells Dam Hydroelectric Project

Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County has applied for a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0991031 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.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit will be developed which would allow the potential discharge of oil, grease, and cooling water to the Columbia River from its facility located at 485 Azwell Rd, Chelan, Washington. All discharges to be in compliance with the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Standards for a permit to be issued.

A tentative determination has been made to issue a proposed 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 application may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx?PermitNumber=WA0991031&FacilityName=&City=&County=&Region=0&PermitType=0&DocumentType=0> . The application and other related documents are available at Ecology's Central 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 Central Regional Office, please e-mail publicrecordsofficer@ecy.wa.gov or write to Public Records Officer, Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504.

All comments must be submitted by December 8, 2019 to be considered for the final determination. Submit comments online at: <http://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=YS7du> .

Written comments should be sent to: Cynthia Huwe, WQ Permit Coordinator, Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 1250 West Alder Street, Union Gap, WA 98903-0009.

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.

If you require special accommodations or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Cindy Huwe at 509-457-7105. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

Publication date of this Notice is November 8, 2019.