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June 16, 2021

Tim Matz
Corporate Director of Env. Affairs
Lehigh Cement Company
300 E. John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, TX 75062-2727

RE: Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Public Notice for
WA0045586 – Lehigh Cement Company

Dear Tim Matz:

Enclosed is Ecology's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and fact sheet. Please review these documents to insure that you understand and agree with all conditions.

Also enclosed is a copy of the public notice of draft permit describing your wastewater treatment discharge. The Department of Ecology will publish this notice in the "Legal Classified Section" of the Newport Miner on June 16, 2021.

Permit documents are available on [PARIS](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/), Ecology's Water Quality Permitting and Reporting Information System webpage at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx>. You can also find a more detailed explanation in the attached fact sheet.

The comment period ends **July 16, 2021**; submit comments no later than that date. Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the 30-day public review period and will issue the final permit after addressing all comments. Please contact Diana Washington at (509) 385-5529 or by email at dwas461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shara Joy".

Shara Joy
Water Quality Program

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Enclosure (3)

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NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

Permit Number: WA0045586

Applicant: Lehigh Cement Company
300 E. John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, TX 75062-2727

Facility Location: Closed Cement Kiln Dust (CKD) Pile Site
Milepost 14.7, Washington State Route 31
Metaline Falls, WA 99153

Lehigh Cement Company has applied for renewal of its 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.

Lehigh Cement Company presently owns and operates a CKD Pile that discharges wastewater from a groundwater treatment system to Sullivan Creek via groundwater from the CKD site in Metaline Falls, Washington. The permit authorizes the discharge with limits for arsenic, chromium, lead, manganese, and pH. 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, Ecology has drafted a permit to allow the discharge of wastewater with the appropriate permit limits and conditions. 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

Documents are available on Ecology's [Water Quality Permitting and Reporting Information System \(PARIS\)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx) webpage at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx>. The proposed modified permit and other related documents are also available at Ecology's Eastern Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. Please call Ecology's Eastern Regional Office at (509) 329-3400 to obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies.

Interested persons can submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. Submit comments within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Submit comments to Ecology no later than July 16, 2021.

Send **written** comments to: Diana Washington
Water Quality Program
Department of Ecology
4601 N. Monroe Street
Spokane, WA 99205

Send **email** comments to: Diana.Washington@@ecy.wa.gov
URL for event listing & online comment form: <https://ecology.wa.gov/lehighdraftcomments>

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; send the request to the address above. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is scheduled, a public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will receive a copy of the 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 need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 329-3400 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.