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July 9, 2021

Bijay Adams
General Manager
Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District
22510 E. Mission
Liberty Lake, WA 99019

RE: NPDES Permit Application for Permit WA0045144

Dear Bijay Adams:

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District (LLSWD) submitted the Ecology requested updated permit renewal application on June 10, 2021. Ecology accepts the LLSWD application as substantially complete.

Included in Section 1.23 of the application, is an indication that LLSWD intends to request a variance for the PCB Human Health Criteria (HHC) and LLSWD included a copy of LLSWD's April 30, 2019 variance request with the submitted permit renewal application.

Ecology has already reviewed the 2019 variance request under a separate process, and placed the variance process on hold when the US EPA changed the HHC from 7 ppq to 170 ppq. The variance process remains on hold and Ecology is not acting on the variance request submitted by LLSWD with the permit application.

Ecology will publish a legal notice in the local newspaper to inform the public and to invite comment on the application (RCW 90.48.170). The enclosed Public Notice will be published by Ecology on July 23, 2021 and July 30, 2021 in the Spokesman Review.

The next step in the permitting process is for Ecology to publish a legal notice in the local newspaper to inform the public and to invite comment on the application (RCW 90.48.170). You will receive a copy of the legal ad informing you of the notice and the dates that it will be published in the newspaper.

Please call Diana Washington at (509) 385-5529 or email at Diana.Washington@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions about our review of the application or the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Adriane P. Borgias
Water Quality Section Manager
Eastern Regional Office
Department of Ecology

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Enclosure: Public Notice of Application

cc: Dan Grogg, Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District

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NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

PERMIT NO.: WA0045144

APPLICANT: Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District
22510 E. Mission, Liberty Lake, WA 99019

LOCATION: 1926 North Harvard Road, Liberty Lake, WA 99109

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District (LLSWD) 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.

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District owns and operates a municipal wastewater discharge plant that discharges treated wastewater to the Spokane River. Review the application online for more detailed information. 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.

The Department of Ecology is proposing to review the application and renew the permit and is hereby issuing public notice of its intent. Interested persons are invited to submit their name, address, and initial comments regarding the permit to Ecology at:

Send written comments to: Diana Washington
Water Quality Program
Department of Ecology
4601 N. Monroe Street
Spokane, WA 99205-1265

Send email comments to: Diana.Washington@ecy.wa.gov

URL for event listing: <https://ecology.wa.gov/LibLakeapplicationcomments>

Upon completion, an opportunity for public review and comment on the Draft NPDES permit will be provided (anticipated late 2021/early 2022). Notice will be provided through multiple outlets, including this publication, and all respondents to this notice will receive a copy of the draft permit and fact sheet before the final permit is issued.

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