

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION
PERMIT NO.: ST0501336
APPLICANT: Farmland Reserve, Inc.
FACILITY: River Point Farms Onion Processing Facility

Farmland Reserve, Inc. has applied for a new State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST0501336 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit will be developed which would allow the discharge of fresh onions processing wastewater to a maximum of 71,000 gallons per day to a double lined lagoon from its facility located at Plymouth Commercial Road, Plymouth, WA. All discharges to be in compliance with the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Standards for a permit to be issued.

The Department of Ecology has determined that it will take no further action on this application at this time. The application and all attachments, submitted September 4, 2020 and accepted August 17, 2021, will become a "temporary permit" effective 30 days following the final date of this notice. Operation consistent with the application and attachments shall be authorized for a period up to 5 years or until Ecology issues a formal permit. 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 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. The application may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx?PermitNumber=ST0501336&FacilityName=&City=&County=&Region=0&PermitType=0&DocumentType=0>.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted by October 2, 2021 to be considered for the final determination.

Submit comments online at <https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=uacNx>. 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 dates of this Notice are August 26, and September 2, 2021.