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December 29, 2021

Marlene Feist
Public Works Director
City of Spokane
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

RE: Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Public Notice for Permit No. WA0024473 for Spokane Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility

Dear Marlene Feist:

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 and the dates for the upcoming Workshops/Public Hearings. The Department of Ecology will publish this notice in the "Legal Classified Section" of the Spokesman Review on December 29, 2021.

The 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 February 11, 2022; submit comments no later than that date. Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the 45-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 Diana.Washington@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adriane P. Borgias".

Adriane P. Borgias
WQ Section Manager
Eastern Regional Office

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Enclosures (3): Draft permit, fact sheet, and legal notice

cc: Mike Coster, City of Spokane Riverside Park WRF
Mike Cannon, City of Spokane Riverside Park WRF
Jon Eckhart, City of Spokane Riverside Park WRF

Raylene Gennett, City of Spokane Riverside Park WRF
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Kevin R. Cooke, PE, Spokane County
Bill Helbig, City of Spokane Valley
Scott Endres, Kaiser Aluminum Washington, LLC.
Jerry White, JR., Center for Justice
Rachael Osborn, Center for Environmental Law & Policy
David Harsh, Department of Natural Resources
Shayne Cothorn, Department of Natural Resources
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Diana Washington, PE, Ecology Permit Manager, Eastern Region
Art Jenkins, PE, Ecology Permit Unit Supervisor, Eastern Region

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

WA0000892	Kaiser Aluminum Washington 15000 E Euclid Ave Spokane Valley, WA 99215
WA0024473	City of Spokane Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility 4401 N. Aubrey L. White Parkway Spokane, WA 99205

The above facilities have re-applied for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits 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.

Kaiser Aluminum Washington presently owns and operates an aluminum rolling mill and metal finishing plant at Trentwood, Washington that discharges treated wastewater to the Spokane River. The plant discharges an average flow of 6.2 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to the Spokane River from plant operations.

Submit e-Comments or written comments on the Kaiser permit and fact sheet to:

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

Submit eComments to: [wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=MJc9](https://ecology.wa.gov/events/Kaiserpermit)
URL for event listing: <https://ecology.wa.gov/events/Kaiserpermit>

The City of Spokane owns and operates the Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility that discharges treated wastewater to the Spokane River. The plant is designed to handle an maximum monthly average design flow of 68.1 million gallons per day (mgd), monthly average design flow of 43.2 mgd, and a maximum one day design flow of 96.4 mgd.

Submit e-Comments or written comments on the Spokane Riverside Park WRF permit and fact sheet to:

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

Submit eComments to: [wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=ANJtc](https://ecology.wa.gov/events/CitySpokanepermit)
URL for event listing: <https://ecology.wa.gov/events/CitySpokanepermit>

Following treatment, wastewater must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations in order for a permit to be issued.

Following evaluation of the applications and other available information, Ecology has drafted these permits 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

Draft Documents are available on [PARIS](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx), Ecology's Water Quality Permitting and Reporting Information System website at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx>. The proposed permits and other related documents are also available at Ecology's Eastern Regional Office (by appointment only) 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 make an appointment.

Interested persons can submit written comments regarding the proposed permits. Submit comments within 45-days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Submit comments to Ecology **no later than February 11, 2021**.

Public Hearing Workshops

Ecology will host two identical online workshops, each immediately followed by a public hearing. Workshops are scheduled on the following dates:

Workshop Date	Event Address	Audio Conference: call in number and access code
Afternoon Webinar - February 1, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.	https://watech.webex.com/join/MTID=eae3e78034ee1c0da8c624cfab4f80e93	(415) 655-0001 Access code: 2462 925 6644
Evening Webinar - February 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.	https://watech.webex.com/join/MTID=ecd9256c7d8f974c05402a2feff734822	(415) 655-0001 Access code: 2453 474 9371

*Click on the link to register for the Webinar or call in using the numbers above.

During the workshops, Ecology will explain the proposed changes to the permits and answer questions. The hearings will begin after the public workshops and will end when public testimony is complete. During the hearings, you may give oral testimony and written comments on the proposed changes. Written comments will receive the same consideration as oral testimony.

*The workshops offered via webinar allow individuals to participate in the info sessions and ask questions via computer or mobile device. Ecology is not currently offering in-person sessions due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

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 or language, please contact us at (509) 329-3400 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.