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March 18, 2022

Robert Lindsay
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Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Public Notice for Spokane County Regional Water Reclamation Facility (SCRWRF) NPDES Permit WA0093317

Dear Robert Lindsay:

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 March 18, 2022.

The documents are available on [PARIS](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitLookup.aspx), 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 **May 3, 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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Enclosure (3): Draft permit, fact sheet, and legal notice

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NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

WA0093317	Spokane County Regional Water Reclamation Facility 1004 N. Freya Street, Spokane, WA 99202
WA0045144	Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District N. 2218 Harvard Road, Liberty Lake, WA 99019

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.

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District owns and operates a biological nutrient removal, membrane filtration treatment facility located in Spokane County. The wastewater facility has a design flow of 2.0 million gallons per day (mgd). LLSWD discharges UV-disinfected effluent to the Spokane River approximately 3.5 miles downstream from the Washington/Idaho border. The system collects and treats the sanitary wastewater from approximately 4,018 ERUs (Equivalent Residential Units) as well as commercial and light industrial dischargers.

Submit e-Comments on the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District permit and fact sheet to:

Submit eComments to: wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=kArVp
URL for event listing: <https://ecology.wa.gov/events/LLSWDpermit>

Spokane County Regional Water Reclamation Facility owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment facility in Spokane County that provides advanced treatment and discharges treated, disinfected and dechlorinated effluent wastewater to the Spokane River with a monthly average design flow of 18.5 million gallons per day (gpd).

Submit e-Comments on the Spokane County Regional Water Reclamation Facility permit and fact sheet to:

Submit eComments to: wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=V8YFU
URL for event listing: <https://ecology.wa.gov/events/SCRWRFpermit>

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

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 May 3, 2022**.

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 for Attendees	Audio Conference: call in number and access code
Spokane County & LLSWD Workshop & Hearing #1 - Afternoon Webinar – April 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.	https://watech.webex.com/watech/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6b7e7746a377253c68e0894b24846362	(415) 655-0001 Access code: 2465 796 2614
Spokane County & LLSWD Workshop & Hearing #2 - Evening Webinar – April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.	https://watech.webex.com/watech/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3da101e41ae9f742c488e408f3c23666	(415) 655-0001 Access code: 2451 534 5785

*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.