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May 11, 2022

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.

Ecology placed a public notice in the Spokesman Review on December 29, 2021 to inform the public and to invite comments on the proposed draft permit and fact sheet. Ecology made several changes to the permit and fact sheet in response to comments received during the first comment period. As a result, Ecology is providing an additional opportunity to the public for review and comment.

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 Spokesman Review on May 11, 2022.

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 June 10, 2022; 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.



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Please contact Diana Washington at (509) 385-5529 or by email at dwas@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,



Adriane P. Borgias
WQ Section Manager
Eastern Regional Office

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

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NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

Permit Number: WA0024473
Applicant: City of Spokane
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201
Facility Location: Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility
4401 N. Aubrey L. White Parkway, Spokane, WA 99205

The City of Spokane 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.

The City of Spokane presently owns and operates the Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility that discharges treated wastewater to the Spokane River. The plant is designed to handle a 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.

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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

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 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 June 10, 2022**.

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

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.