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Eastern Region Office

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June 30, 2022

Kevin Rasler  
Inland Empire Paper Company  
3320 North Argonne Road  
Spokane, Washington 99212

RE: Issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit  
WA0000825

Dear Kevin Rasler:

NPDES wastewater discharge permit WA0000825 is enclosed. This NPDES permit satisfies the requirements of both federal and state laws. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues this permit in accordance with Chapter 90.48 RCW, as amended, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended.

Ecology published a legal notice of draft on March 4, 2022 in the Spokesman Review to inform the public that a draft permit and fact sheet were available for review.

### **Permit Fees**

The Department of Ecology, in response to the passage of Initiative 97 in 1988, has adopted a regulation to recover costs associated with issuing and administering wastewater discharge permits (Chapter 173-224 WAC).

Ecology calculates the annual fee for both industrial and municipal/domestic discharges according to the permit fee schedules contained in WAC 173-224-040. We notify permit holders of fee charges by mailed billing statements. Failure to pay the applicable permit fee may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit, and could result in the issuance of civil penalties or actions to enjoin the activity under the permit.

### **Appeal Process**

You have the right to appeal this permit (chapter 43.21B RCW). The Board must RECEIVE your appeal within 30 days of the "receipt" date. Failure to comply with the 30-day filing deadline will result in termination or dismissal of the appeal.

File the original and one copy of the appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board by mail or hand delivery (addresses below). Filing means actual receipt with the PCHB during regular business hours.

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**Mailing address:**  
Pollution Control Hearings Board  
P.O. Box 40903  
Lacey, Washington 98504-0903

**Physical address for hand delivery:**  
Pollution Control Hearings Board  
1111 Israel Road Southwest, Suite 301  
Lacey, Washington 98504-0903

Effective February 17, 2015, you can file with the PCHB by e-mail provided you follow-up with required hard copies postmarked the same day they are e-mailed (See WAC 371-08-305(6) and 335(3)).

**PCHB E-filing address:** [PCHB-SHBappeals@eluhho.wa.gov](mailto:PCHB-SHBappeals@eluhho.wa.gov)

Within 30 days of receipt of the permit, you must also serve a copy of your appeal with the Department of Ecology Appeals Processor and Eastern Regional Office. Ecology only accepts copies of appeals by hand delivery or by mail. Email is not accepted.

**To serve Ecology Appeals Processor:**  
Department of Ecology  
Appeals Processor  
P.O. Box 47608  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7608

**To serve Ecology Eastern Regional Office**  
Department of Ecology  
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4601 N. Monroe Street  
Spokane, Washington 99205-1265

Please direct questions relating to the permit to Pat Hallinan at (509) 329-3500 or by email at phal461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Section Manager  
Water Quality Program  
Eastern Regional Office

APB:sj

Enclosures (Permit and fact sheet)

cc: Doug Krapas, Inland Empire Paper Company  
Dale Bambrick, NMFS  
Gina Hoff, Bureau of Reclamation  
Shayne Cothorn, DNR  
Jerry White JR., Spokane Riverkeeper  
Kevin Cooke, Spokane County  
Rachael Osborn, Center for Environmental Law and Policy  
Kathy Dixon, Upper Columbia River Group  
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The Honorable Kevin Freeman, City of Millwood  
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