



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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Chris McReynolds  
Syndel USA  
1441 W. Smith Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248-8933

**Facility Name:** Syndel USA  
**Location:** 1441 W. Smith Road  
Ferndale, WA Whatcom County

**RE: Conditional No Exposure Exemption – Granted  
CNE Number 311590**

Dear Chris McReynolds:

You applied for a Conditional No Exposure (CNE) Exemption on July 19, 2022.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has determined that your site is eligible for a CNE Exemption. Your CNE Exemption has been granted starting on the above application date.

If there is a change at the facility that results in the exposure of industrial activities or materials to stormwater, you are required to immediately apply for and obtain a permit (Industrial Stormwater General Permit, Special Condition S1.F.1.d). If you need to apply for a permit, visit [Ecology's WQWebPortal guidance webpage](#)<sup>1</sup> for application instructions.

Ecology may also conduct a site visit in the future to verify that pollutants are not exposed to stormwater at your site.

**Your Right To Appeal**

You have a right to appeal this CNE approval to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this CNE approval. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance>

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this CNE approval:

- File your appeal and a copy of this CNE approval with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this CNE approval on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

#### Address and Location Information

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Federal regulations require you to reapply for CNE Exemption once every five years. Ecology will notify you when it is time to reapply, so please let us know if your contact information changes.

If you have questions about this decision, please contact Elizabeth Fint of Ecology's Northwest Regional Office in Bellingham at [sylvia.graham@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sylvia.graham@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 927-4900.

Sincerely,



Jeff Killelea, Manager  
Program Development Services Section  
Water Quality Program

cc: Regional Inspector