



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 3, 2023

Lance Boylan, PE
Manager Closed Operations
Hecla Limited
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RE: Notice of Temporary State Waste Discharge Permit ST0005270 – Republic Unit

Dear Lance Boylan:

Hecla Limited's application for renewal of State Waste Discharge permit ST0005270 was received by this office on February 27, 2023 and was accepted as sufficiently complete on March 31, 2023. Ecology is in the process of writing the permit but due to limited resources will not issue the renewal permit before the current permit expires on April 30, 2023.

RCW 34.05.422(3) states that when a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license or a new license with reference to any activity of a continuing nature, an existing full, temporary, or provisional license does not expire until the application has been finally determined by the agency, and, in case the application is denied or the terms of the new license limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.

Therefore, Hecla Limited's new temporary permit is effective April 30, 2023, and will remain in force for up to five years or until notified by Ecology, whichever comes first. Ecology requests that Hecla Limited continue to comply with all requirements of existing State Waste Discharge permit ST0005270 and any temporary provisions associated with the renewal application accepted on March 31, 2023 or until Ecology issues the renewal permit. Hecla Limited will have an opportunity to review the proposed permit prior to issuance by Ecology.

Ecology has adopted a regulation (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishing annual permit fees for all municipal/domestic and industrial wastewater discharge permit holders. Hecla Limited's temporary permit is subject to this fee starting on its effective date and will be notified of the amount of the fee, payment schedules, and other details in a separate mailing from Ecology Fee Unit.

Appeal Process

You have the right to appeal this permit (chapter 43.21B RCW). The Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) 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 PCHB by mail or by hand delivery (addresses below). Filing means actual receipt with the PCHB during regular business hours.

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)).

E-filing address: PCHB-SHBappeals@eluhwa.gov

Within 30 days of the 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.

Appeals Processor

Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47608
Olympia, Washington 98504

Eastern Regional Office

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4601 N. Monroe Street
Spokane, Washington 99205-1265

Please contact Pat Hallinan at (509) 329-3500 or by email at phal461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions about the application or the permitting process.

Sincerely,



Adriane P. Borgias
Water Quality Section Manager
Eastern Regional Office
Washington State Department of Ecology

APB:sj

cc: Russel D. Lawlar, Hecla Limited



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