



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Eastern Region Office

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August 4, 2023

The Honorable Shawn Logan
City of Othello
500 E. Main Street
Othello, Washington 99344

RE: Application for Renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Municipal Wastewater Discharge Permit WA0022357

Dear Mayor Shawn Logan:

NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit WA0022357 is due to expire September 30, 2025. Federal laws and regulations require an application for renewal of this permit. To allow Ecology sufficient time to develop the City of Othello's permit, a completed application must be received by our office **on or before September 30, 2024**. It is Ecology's policy to send a permit renewal application form as a reminder to help insure a timely submittal. Because Ecology is requesting permit renewal application monitoring, this reminder is being sent out in advance to allow the completion of the monitoring and the submittal of the test results and the renewal application before the due dates.

Completing the Application

Please complete the enclosed **EPA 2A application form** for new and existing publicly owned treatment works or an [electronic version](#) of the form is available on the EPA's NPDES Applications and Forms website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-applications-and-forms-epa-applications>.

Please complete the sections marked below as well as any additional sections that may apply if there have been significant changes to the facility or the character of the wastewater have changed.

- Section 1. Basic Application Information for All Applicants (40 CFR 122.21(j)(1) and (9))
- Section 2. Additional Information (40 CFR 122.21(j)(1) and (2))
- Section 3. Information on Effluent Discharges (40 CFR 122.21(j)(3) to (5))
- Section 4. Industrial Discharges and Hazardous Wastes (40 CFR 122.21(j)(6) and (7))
- Section 5. Combined Sewer Overflows (40 CFR 122.21(j)(8))
- Section 6. Checklist and Certification Statement (40 CFR 122.22(a) and (d))
- Table A. Effluent Parameters for All POTWs
- Table B. Effluent Parameters for All POTWs with a Flow Equal or Greater than 0.1 MGD
- Table C. Effluent Parameters for Selected POTWs
- Table D. Additional Pollutants as Required by NPDES Permitting Authority
- Table E. Effluent Monitoring for Whole Effluent Toxicity
- Table F. Industrial Discharge Information

In addition to the application, Ecology requests that you conduct the following testing:

1. WET testing – samples to be taken in the fall of 2023 and spring of 2024
2. Priority Pollutant Scan – samples to be taken for four quarters during 2023-2024

Submit the results of the WET testing and Priority Pollutant Scans electronically into the WQWebPortal by September 30, 2024.

Attachment A of the application specifies analytical methods for effluent testing.

Please read the instructions on the application form carefully. Submit any additional information that may help Ecology determine the impact of the discharge to surface waters.

If applicable, submit information and other applications about the following:

- **Discharge Upon Surface Waters**

If the wastewater facility has received flows in excess of design flow, or if you have accepted wastewater from certain industrial dischargers or hazardous waste dischargers.

- **Receiving Water Analysis**

Effluent limits for some pollutants are dependent upon the concentration already present in the receiving water. Submit any available information on the background concentrations of pollutants at the point of discharge.

- **Biosolids**

The facility may also be responsible for compliance with Chapter 173-308 WAC, **Biosolids Management**, and the statewide General Permit for **Biosolids Management**. Please contact Terri Costello, Ecology's Regional Biosolids Program Coordinator for your county at (509) 570-8097 for specific information about the facility's obligations to apply for coverage or visit the [Biosolids Webpage](https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Organic-materials/Biosolids) at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Organic-materials/Biosolids> for more information.

- **Solid Waste Handling**

The facility may also be responsible for compliance with Chapter 173-350 WAC, **Solid Waste Handling Standards**, for the management of solid wastes. Please contact your local health jurisdiction with any specific questions.

Submitting the Application

Please mail the **original, signed application** to:

Water Quality Program
Eastern Regional Office
Department of Ecology
4601 North Monroe Street
Spokane, Washington 99205-1265



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Please also send an electronic copy of the application (preferably as a PDF) by email to the Water Quality Program at stra461@ecy.wa.gov. Please scan any attachments to the application and submit them with the application.

Signature Delegation

A principal executive officer or ranking elected official, typically the mayor, must sign the application (WAC 173-216-070).

Permit Fees

Fees paid by permit holders support the wastewater permit program (RCW 90.48.465). Ecology regulation Chapter 173-224 WAC establishes annual permit fees to recover costs associated with issuing and managing wastewater discharge permits. Ecology will continue to collect annual permit fees unless the permit is formally cancelled. Please call 1-800-633-6193 option 2 with questions about permit fees.

Laws and Guidance for Permits

Information on laws, regulations and guidance on wastewater discharge permits is available on Ecology's webpage.

- For information on [Regulations and Permits](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits) go to <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits>
- For [Water Quality Permit Guidance](https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits) go to <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits>.

Please contact Diana Washington at (509) 385-5529 or by email at dwas461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or need assistance with the application form.

Sincerely,



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Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office

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Enclosure (EPA 2A Application Form)

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