



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Northwest Region Office
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March 28, 2024

Ryan Becker
Western Chemical dba Syndel USA
1441 W Smith Road
Ferndale, WA 98248-8933

Re: State Wastewater Discharge Temporary Permit
Permit No. ST0501356, Syndel USA

Dear Ryan Becker:

Thank you for submitting an application for a new state waste (SWD) discharge permit. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) acknowledges receiving the application on November 28, 2023. We accepted it as complete on February 21, 2024.

[WAC 173-216-070](#) explains what satisfies the requirement for filing a permit application. [RCW 90.48.200](#) states "In the event of failure of the Department to act upon an application within sixty days after it has been filed, the applicant shall be deemed to have a temporary permit. The permit shall authorize the applicant to discharge waste into waters of the State as requested in its application only until such time as the Department shall have taken action upon said application."

Therefore, your temporary permit will become effective on April 21, 2024 and will remain in effect until your SWD permit is issued. The temporary permit consists of the information submitted in the permit application. This authorization does not allow you to discharge pollutants not specified in your application and attachments, nor in quantities exceeding those specified in your application.

State law requires the circulation and publication of notices which describe the proposed issuance of SWD permits. This is intended to allow the public to be aware of and comment on such actions. Enclosed is a copy of the public notice that will be published in the Bellingham Herald on March 27, 2024 and April 3, 2024. A similar notice will be mailed from this office to agencies, groups and individuals that have requested such notices for this geographic area. Another public notice will be published when the draft permit has been prepared.

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If you have any questions regarding the current status of your new permit or how to comply with this temporary permit, please contact Maia Hoffman at (425) 507-5681 or by email at maia.hoffman@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Tricia Miller
Permit Coordinator
Water Quality Program
Northwest Region Office

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NOTICE: STATE WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION RECEIVED TO DISCHARGE WASTEWATER TO THE CITY OF FERNDALE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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Application Permit No. ST0501356
Applicant: Western Chemical Inc. dba Syndel USA
1441 W Smith Road, Ferndale, WA 98248
Whatcom County

Western Chemical Inc. dba Syndel USA has applied for a State Waste Discharge permit, in accordance with the provisions of [90.48 Revised Code of Washington](#) as amended and the [Federal Clean Water Act](#) to discharge process wastewater to the City of Ferndale Wastewater Treatment Plant.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

Interested agencies, organizations or persons desiring to express their views or to be notified of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) actions on this permit application should notify Ecology at the address or email below within 30 days of the last date of publication.

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The application and related documents may be viewed at the Ecology website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx> by entering permit number ST0501356. These documents are also available at Ecology’s Northwest Regional Office, by appointment only, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, weekdays. To schedule an appointment to view copies, call 206-594-0000, or email nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov.

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