

Permit Compliance Inspection Report

Water Quality Program

Central Region Office

A. General Information

Facility Name & Address: Cowiche City Road Plant
200 Cowiche City Road, Cowiche, WA 98923

Permit Type: Fruit Packer General Permit Permit Number: **WAG435106**

Permit Effective Dates: 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2026

Date(s) of Inspection: 04/09/2024

Inspection Duration: **09:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Discharge to: POTW and Ground Water

Type of Inspection: Announced
Compliance Inspection - Without Sampling

Weather: **partly cloudy 53 °F**

Photographs Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Samples Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

B. Personnel Information

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Marcia Porter

Reviewer Signature

Andrea Jedel

4/11/2024

Marcia Porter

Environmental Specialist 4

Date

Andrea Jedel

Industrial Unit Supervisor

4/14/2024

C. Facility Description & Background

This facility has been continuously permitted under the Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit since the inception of the general permit in 1994. They have had relatively few problems over the years. The facility is currently being well operated and managed under new administrative management.

D. Inspection Narrative & Observations

1. Permit Documentation and Records Review

At the time of the inspection, the records review were complete, were up-to-date and in compliance with the general permit requirements.

2. Site Walkthrough

At the time of the inspection the facility was exceptionally clean and well operated. There were no violations of permit requirements viewed. The facility has upgraded their engine rooms associated with the CA Storage making them more efficient in operation.

E. Corrective Actions Required for Compliance

At the time of the inspection, none for this facility. This facility would like to land apply wastewater discharges from the lined evaporative lagoon in a substantial sized field directly behind the lagoon. I sent them a modification of permit coverage form via email. Upon viewing at the time of the inspection, I did not see an issue with this proposed modification to their coverage.

We did discuss some discrepancies at one of the Evans Fruit Storage facilities in ERO. I had noticed (as the statewide permit manager) an issue with their reporting with incorrect use of the M code for parameters that required monitoring. Barb said she would begin working with the lab and staff at the Far West facility to correct that error and monitor the correct parameters for hydrocooler use during cherry season beginning this year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this inspection report, please contact [Marcia Porter](#) at 509-406-6624 or marcia.porter@ecy.wa.gov.

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Photo 1
Description: *Evans Fruit*



Photo 2
Description: Float water being filtered from leaves and debris that comes in with the fruit. Debris is collected and disposed of as solid waste.



Photo 3
Description: *pack line is kept very clean underneath*



Photo 4
Description: *chemical usage on the line for fruit cleaning, disinfection, and polishing (aesthetics)*



Photo 5

Description: *Discharge to POTW (open line) and the plugged line to the evaporative lagoon. With a modification to coverage the POTW line will be plugged and the line to the evaporative lagoon will be unplugged.*



Photo 6

Description: proper storage of cull and/or rot product for pickup. Lined bins that contain all product and liquid



Photo 7

Description: Lined evaporative lagoon. Facility will get aerators going before using for when the modification of coverage is completed.



Photo 8

Description: property for land application with sprinklers. Runs from back of lined lagoon to the house in the distance. Acreage available will be listed on the change of operations modification form.