

# Electronic Signature Agreement Form

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## Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Program

Headquarters: (360) 407-7097  
Web site: <https://ecology.wa.gov/wqwebportal/>

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### 1. Site Location Information

If you are applying for multiple facilities/permits, please include a list containing the site location information and permit numbers for all requested facilities/permits.

Permit Name: Avista Corporation, Kettle Falls Generating Station  
Permit Address: 1151 Highway 395 North  
City/State/Zip: Kettle Falls, WA 99141  
Permit Number: WA0045217

### 2. Electronic Signer Contact Information

Role: ☒ Facility Signer ☐ Facility Coordinator

Signature Account User Name: Josh LaPorte  
Full Name: Josh LaPorte  
Work Mailing Address: PO Box 609  
City/State/Zip: Kettle Falls, WA 99141  
Work Phone No. (Ext): 509-738-1510  
Work Email Address: josh.laporte@avistacorp.com

### 3. Proof of Identity

Please include a copy of one of the following documents, with your name on the document, with your ESAF to prove your association with the facility-(ies):

- Your permit's letter of coverage;
- Your permit's cover sheet;
- A previously submitted DMR;
- A correspondence from Ecology that has both the facility name and permit number on the same page;
- Signature authority delegation letter signed by the permittee (responsible official).

### 4. Electronic Signature Agreement and Certification Statement

By completing and submitting this form to Ecology, I agree to follow the rules and procedures governing the Electronic Signature account. I also agree that the reports and documents I submit under my Electronic Signature will be used as the corresponding paper report would.

### 5. Clean Water Act Certification Statement

All submittals to the Department of Ecology under this WQWebPortal application are subject to the following certification, as required by federal and state regulations:

*I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. The information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete and I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.*

## 6. Certification Statement

<p>I agree that I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Protect my Electronic Signature account, which includes my answers to the verification questions and my password;</li><li>Review the content and meaning of my submitted Annual Reports and Notifications;</li><li>Within 24 hours of discovery, report to Ecology if:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>My Electronic Signature account is lost, stolen or used by someone else;</li><li>There is any difference between the information I submitted and the information displayed in WebDMR;</li><li>My role as a signer for this organization changes.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Agree: <u>JL</u> (initial here)</p>	<p>I agree that I will <i>not</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Let anyone else use my Electronic Signature account.</li></ul> <p>Agree: <u>JL</u> (initial here)</p>
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I, Josh LaPorte (print Electronic Signer's name), understand that:

- My electronic signature is legally the same as my handwritten signature for the purpose of compliance with the relevant environmental regulations;
- A failure to timely notify Ecology of a possible misuse of my Electronic Signature account may result in my liability for the information submitted;
- There are significant penalties for submitting false information, including possible fines and imprisonment, related to the federal Department of Justice and federal environmental program;
- I will be asked to verify that I am following the rules outlined in this agreement when I electronically submit documents.

## 7. Signature of Electronic Signer

This form cannot be processed without a handwritten signature.

 Digitally signed by Josh LaPorte Date: 2024.03.27 10:09:50 -07'00'	<u>3/27/2024</u> Date
<u>Josh LaPorte</u> Electronic Signer's Signature	<u>Environmental Scientist</u> Title
<u>Josh LaPorte</u> Name (print or type)	

## 8. Signature of Permittee (Responsible Official)

This form cannot be processed without a handwritten signature.

I, Jason Thackston (insert name of permittee or responsible official) acknowledge that the individual named above works at/for Avista Corporation, Kettle Falls Generating Station (insert site/facility name) and is authorized to submit documents on the site's/facility's behalf. I understand that I will be contacted by Ecology to validate the account holder's employment at the site/facility name listed above.

 Signature	<u>4/2/24</u> Date
<u>Jason Thackston</u>	<u>Sr. VP Chief Strategy &amp; Clean Energy Officer</u>
<u>Jason Thackston</u> Name (print or type)	<u>Sr. VP Chief Strategy &amp; Clean Energy Officer</u> Title

**Note:** You may skip this section if the responsible official has written, signed, and attached a delegation letter to this form or if the responsible official completes this form.

To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-6401 or email at [ecyadacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyadacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov), or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.