



Permit Compliance Inspection Report

Water Quality Program

Central Region Office

A. General Information

Facility Name & Address: Underwood Fruit & Warehouse
 6550 State Route 14
 Bingen, WA 98608

Permit Type: Fruit Packer General Permit Permit Number: WAG435043

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

Date(s) of Inspection: 07/08/2024

Inspection Duration: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Discharge to: POTW (pack lines and some NCCW) and Columbia River (NCCW only)

Type of Inspection: Announced
 Compliance Inspection - Without Sampling

Weather: Clear and Warm, 91 °F

Photographs Taken: Yes No Samples Taken: Yes No

B. Personnel Information

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Inspector Signature(s)

07/12/2024

Marcia Porter

Date

Reviewer Signature

Andrea Jedel (signed electronically) 7/16/2024

Reviewer Name

Date

Reviewer Position Title

Facility Description & Background

This facility has been covered under the Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit since 1994. The facility suffered a fire during the last permit term and was rebuilt with upgraded line and equipment. They have two separate buildings and pack lines, one for apples and the new one is for pears. They have a wasteload allocation for heat under the Columbia River Temperature TMDL. They have installed a flow meter on the non-contact cooling water to monitor for heat load per the Columbia River Temperature TMDL. The flow meter was installed earlier this year (2024).

C. Inspection Narrative & Observations

1. Permit Documentation and Records Review

The records and documentation were all in order and at the time of the inspection met permit requirements.

2. Site Walkthrough

The walk through went well. This facility has both a pear packing line and a separate apple packing line. Neither were operational as all staff are working at the cherry packing facility in Dallesport. The engine rooms were running and viewed those and verified the new flow meter. Other than to put spill kit items in labeled containers, at the time of the inspection the facility was in compliance with permit requirements. The facility was exceptionally clean and well organized and maintained.

D. Corrective Actions Required for Compliance

Put the spill kit items into a labeled container. Do this for all engine rooms at both locations.

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 Engine room for CA Storage and cooling.



Photo 2

Description: *New in line flow meter for discharges to the Columbia River. This is the only discharge to the river; all other discharges at this facility go to the Bingen POTW.*



Photo 3

Description: *Spill kit items need to be in a labeled container.*



Photo 4

Description: Overhead lines often used to connect storage rooms.



Photo 5

Description: *Discharge ditch to the Columbia River. There was no flow at the time of the inspection.*



Photo 6

Description: *Discharge ditch under the tracks to the Columbia River in background.*

