

Permit Compliance Inspection Report

Water Quality Program

Central Region Office

A. General Information

Facility Name and Address: Piepel Premium Storage
524 S Columbia Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

GPS Latitude/Longitude: 47.4179, -120.305

Permit Number: WAG435289

Permit Type: Fruit Packer General Permit

Permit Effective Dates: January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026

Inspection Date and Time: October 14, 2024, 10:20 AM to 11:30 AM

Discharge to: POTW

Type of Inspection: Announced
Compliance Inspection - Without Sampling

Weather: Clear and sunny 62°F

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

B. Personnel Information

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Inspector Signature(s)

Reviewer Signature



10/30/2024

Marcia Porter

Date

Environmental Specialist 4

Andrea Jedel (Electronic Signature) 11/5/2024

Andrea Jedel

Date

Industrial Unit Supervisor

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This facility has been covered under the Fresh Fruit Packing Permit since 2009. Prior to 2020 this facility was a storage and hydrocooling facility only. In 2020 they added packing operations. They pack apples and cherries at this facility. All discharges to the Wenatchee POTW.

They do have long term storage with non-contact cooling water (NCCW) discharge to the POTW.

The facility has had few problems over the years with minimal permit violations.

C. Inspection Narrative and Observations

1. Permit Documentation and Records Review

At the time of the inspection all documentation and records were up to date and accurate. The Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP) was lacking contact information with names and numbers to use in the event of an emergency.

2. Site Walkthrough

The facility was packing apples at the time of the inspection. The apple pack line was clean with secondary containment pallets present and the screening system in good working order. Cherry season is over for 2024, so no cherry operations were occurring during the inspection.

Stormwater runoff is to the City of Wenatchee system and there is no real exposure of concern at this facility.

D. Corrective Actions Required for Compliance

At the time of inspection, no correction actions were required. The ECP was updated and mailed to me within a week of the inspection.

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

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Photo 1

Description: Outdoor cherry hydrocooler not in use at time of the inspection.



Photo 2

Description: Apple dump and tank float with red apples in the float.



Photo 3

Description: Screening at an apple pack line to remove leaves and stems.



Photo 4

Description: Screenings and rot apples collected for garbage.



Photo 5

Description: Apples in bins and chemical cage with secondary containment pallets.



Photo 6

Description: Drain with sump pit to go to POTW.



Photo 7

Description: clean engine room for long term apples storage.

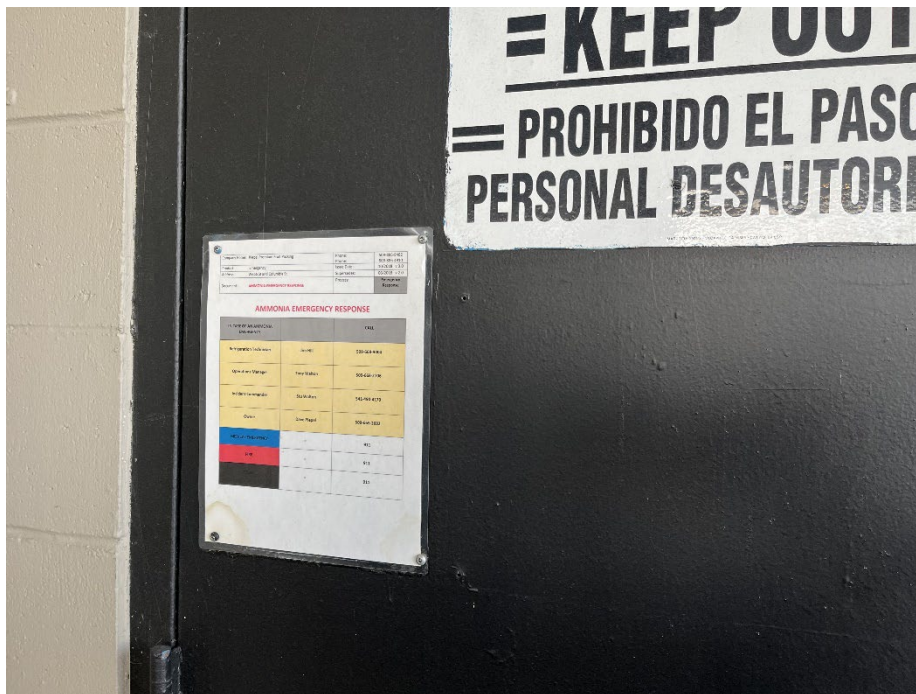


Photo 8

Description: Engine room door with names and contact numbers for any after hour emergencies.



Photo 9

Description: Very clean outdoor facility showing limited exposure for stormwater contamination.