



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

**Eastern Region Office**

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January 7, 2025

Chris Robinson  
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Inland Empire Paper Company  
3320 North Argonne Road  
Spokane, Washington 99212

RE: Issuance of Modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit  
WA000825 – Inland Empire Paper Company

Dear Chris Robinson:

Inland Empire Paper Company's modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit WA000825 is enclosed. This NPDES permit satisfies the requirements of both federal and state laws. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues this permit in accordance with Chapter 90.48 RCW, as amended, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended.

Ecology published a legal notice of draft permit modification on November 7, 2024 in the Spokesman Review to inform the public that a draft modified permit was available for review.

### **Permit Fees**

Ecology, in response to the passage of Initiative 97 in 1988, has adopted a regulation to recover costs associated with issuing and administering wastewater discharge permits (Chapter 173-224 WAC).

Ecology calculates the annual fee for both industrial and municipal/domestic discharges according to the permit fee schedules contained in WAC 173-224-040. We notify permit holders of fee charges by mailed billing statements. Failure to pay the applicable permit fee may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit and could result in the issuance of civil penalties or actions to enjoin the activity under the permit.

### **Your right to appeal**

You have a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).



To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this permit:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this permit with the PCHB (see filing information below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this permit on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

You may only file an appeal on the modified portions of the permit.

## **Filing an appeal**

### **Filing with the PCHB**

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit the PCHB website<sup>1</sup> or call: (360) 664-9160.

### **Service on Ecology**

**Street Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, Washington 98503

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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7608

**E-Mail Address:**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://elaho.wa.gov/>



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Please direct any questions relating to the permit to Pat Hallinan at (509) 329-3500 or by email at [phal461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:phal461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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