

# Permit Compliance Inspection Report

## Water Quality Program

Central Region Office

### A. General Information

Facility Name & Address: Darigold Sunnyside Inc  
400 Alexander Road, Sunnyside WA

Permit Type: Industrial Stormwater General Permit      Permit Number: WAR000567

Date(s) of Inspection: 1/23/2025

Inspection Duration: 11am to 11:50am

Discharge to: Irrigation return drain 33.4

Receiving Water: Yakima River

Type of Inspection: Announced  
Compliance Inspection - Without Sampling

ERTS # NA

Weather: Sunny, 40 °F

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

### B. Personnel Information

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Inspector Signature(s)

Reviewer Signature



1/31/2025

Kevin Dolan (Author)  
Industrial Stormwater Inspector

Date

Andrea Jedel (Electronic Signature) 02/05/2025

Andrea Jedel  
Industrial Unit Supervisor

Date

## C. Facility Description & Background

For more information on stormwater management at this facility, refer to past site inspection reports from 12/17/2021, and 12/11/2019. This facility also has another water quality permit, WA0052078. The facility site database for this site is 48876329.

## D. Inspection Narrative & Observations

### 1. Permit Documentation and Records Review

We did not review documents but discussed recent changes in DMR reporting verbally.

### 2. Site Walkthrough

This factory has two lined stormwater ponds. The ponds are currently at near full capacity, as they have accumulated stormwater from the last two winters. The ponds can no longer receive stormwater. As a result, the company has decided to discharge future stormwater to the irrigation joint drain on Midvale Avenue and report it on the discharge monitoring reports. They are planning to evaporate the ponds this year and prepare for next winter. The rest of the facility has not changed significantly from the 12/17/2021 report. They are currently making about 15 million pounds of cheese monthly and receive about 120 milk trucks per day.

We viewed the milk truck wash bay approach ramp, the outfall 001 stormwater collection area. We viewed the two stormwater ponds. We viewed the outfall 003 on the east side of the facility.

## E. Corrective Actions Required for Compliance

**ISGP S3.A.2 page 21** "All Permittees and applicants for coverage under this permit shall implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) developed by qualified personnel as follows: Proper selection and use of ***Stormwater Management Manuals (SWMM)***."

Please read **BMP F6.30 Evaporation ponds** in the Eastern Washington SWMM, starting on page 658. Please bring your evaporation ponds into compliance with the SWMM.

**Due date:** 180 days from receipt of report.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this inspection report, please contact Kevin Dolan at 509-575-2434 or [kevin.dolan@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kevin.dolan@ecy.wa.gov).

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**Photo 1 [IMG\_0380]**

**Description: Milk truck wash bay approach.**



**Photo 2 [IMG\_0381]**

**Description: Two stormwater evaporation ponds at near full capacity.**



**Photo 3 [IMG\_0382]**

**Description: Loading bay that discharges stormwater to outfall 2.**



**Photo 4 [IMG\_0383]**

**Description: East side of building that discharges stormwater to outfall 3.**



1/23/25

Darigold Sunnyside

400 Alexander Rd.

Time in: 11am

Sunnyside

out: 11:50am

Chris Babcock

FSID: 48876329

509 854 4379

vehicle 11

WA 00520780

Truck traffic

12/17/21

Milk spill log

David Gottschalk

Omar Gomez

Notes: 120 trucks/day from dairies  
15 mil lbs/wo cheese

Outfall 1 sample bottle dipped into pool as discharge occurs  
outfall 3 root downspouts and lift station. Dip into pool.

Evap ponds 100% full, need evaporators. Stormwater  
from 23/24 winter + 24/25 wet december.

Rail spur for loading cheese blocks.

Plan to use ponds again Q2.