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## Electronic Signature Agreement Form

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Washington State Department of Ecology  
Water Quality ProgramHeadquarters: (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: Darigold Inc.  
Permit Address: 400 Alexander Rd  
City/State/Zip: Sunnyside, WA 98944  
Permit Number: WA0052078

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## 2. Electronic Signer Contact Information

Role: ☒ Facility Signer ☐ Facility Coordinator

Signature Account User Name: chrisbabcock2  
Full Name: Chris Babcock  
Work Mailing Address: 400 Alexander Rd  
City/State/Zip: Sunnyside, WA 98944  
Work Phone No. (Ext): 509 854 4379  
Work Email Address: chris.babcock@darigold.com

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## 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

I agree that I will:

- Protect my Electronic Signature account, which includes my answers to the verification questions and my password;
- Review the content and meaning of my submitted Annual Reports and Notifications;
- Within 24 hours of discovery, report to Ecology if:
  - My Electronic Signature account is lost, stolen or used by someone else;
  - There is any difference between the information I submitted and the information displayed in WebDMR;
  - My role as a signer for this organization changes.

Agree: CB (initial here)

I agree that I will *not*:

- Let anyone else use my Electronic Signature account.

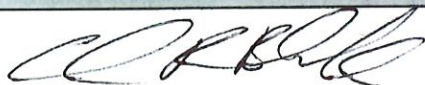
Agree: CB (initial here)

I, Chris Babcock (print Electronic Signer's name), understand that:

1. My electronic signature is legally the same as my handwritten signature for the purpose of compliance with the relevant environmental regulations;
2. A failure to timely notify Ecology of a possible misuse of my Electronic Signature account may result in my liability for the information submitted;
3. There are significant penalties for submitting false information, including possible fines and imprisonment, related to the federal Department of Justice and federal environmental program;
4. 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.



Electronic Signer's Signature

Chris Babcock

Name (print or type)

7/17/2024

Date

Wastewater Manager

Title

## 8. Signature of Permittee (Responsible Official)

This form cannot be processed without a handwritten signature.

I, Scott Burleson (insert name of permittee or responsible official) acknowledge that the individual named above works at/for Darigold Inc. (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

Scott Burleson

Name (print or type)

8/13/24

Date

CPO Darigold

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.



Issuance Date: April 28, 2021  
Effective Date: June 1, 2021  
Expiration Date: May 31, 2026

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System  
Waste Discharge Permit No. WA0052078**

State of Washington  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
Central Regional Office  
1250 West Alder Street  
Union Gap, WA 98903

In compliance with the provisions of  
The State of Washington Water Pollution Control Law  
Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington  
and  
The Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
(The Clean Water Act)  
Title 33 United States Code, Section 1342 et seq.

**DARIGOLD INC.  
PO BOX 876  
SUNNYSIDE, WA 98944**

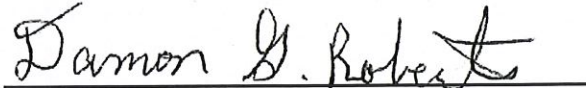
is authorized to discharge in accordance with the Special and General Conditions that follow.

Facility Location: 400 Alexander Rd.  
Sunnyside, WA 98944

Receiving Water: Joint Drain 33.4, Port of  
Sunnyside Industrial Wastewater Treatment  
Facility, and the King County Wastewater  
Treatment Division

Industry Type: Cheese and Whey Powder  
Plant

SIC Code: 2022 and 2023  
NAICS Code: 311513 and 311514



Damon G. Roberts  
Section Manager  
Water Quality Program  
Central Regional Office  
Washington State Department of Ecology



November 1, 2021

**VIA EMAIL- ORIGINAL TO BE MAILED VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

Matt Durkee  
Department of Ecology Central Regional Office  
1250 West Alder Street  
Union Gap, WA 98903

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Dept of Ecology  
Central Regional Office

Re: Annual routine maintenance and repair on Darigold's equalization tank and components at 400 Alexander Road Sunnyside, WA 98944. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit # WA0052078

Mr. Durkee:

Annual routine maintenance and repair/replacement (RMRR) is due on our equalization tank and its associated components. I am requesting that our equalization tank be bypassed to complete RMRR activities. The equalization tank will need to be bypassed for approximately three days. I would like to begin bypassing on November 29<sup>th</sup> and resume normal operations on December 1<sup>st</sup>. During this time plant maintenance personnel will inspect the equalization tank and its components and if necessary, make repairs and or replace parts. While the bypassing is taking place, there is the risk of pH going outside of our permitted limits. Please accept this letter as notice for the planned work.

The following are specific to our permit under S4.B. Bypass Procedure Section 1a:

*(1) A description of the bypass and the reason the bypass is necessary;*

Our equalization tank would be bypassed and drained to perform annual routine maintenance and repairs.

*(2) An analysis of all known alternatives which would eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the potential impacts from the proposed bypass;*

We have no other alternatives. The equalization tank must be bypassed to complete the work.

*(3) A cost-effectiveness analysis of alternatives;*

Due to no alternatives, a cost effectiveness analysis was not performed.

*(4) The minimum and maximum duration of bypass under each alternative;*

Due to no alternatives, the minimum and maximum durations have not been considered. The bypass is projected to last for three days.

*(5) A recommendation as to the preferred alternative for conducting the bypass;*

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We feel the preferred method is to bypass, hence to reason for the requesting permission.

*(6) The projected date of bypass initiation;*

The bypass would begin on the morning of November 29<sup>th</sup> and last through the evening of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Timing of the bypass will be coordinated with the Port of Sunnyside

*(7) A statement of compliance with SEPA;*

This work will comply with all SEPA requirements and no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

*(8) A request for modification of water quality standards as provided for in WAC 173-201A-410, if an exceedance of any water quality standard is anticipated;*

No modification of water quality standards will be necessary and all outfall 002 wastewater will be directed to the Port of Sunnyside's treatment facility.

*(9) Details of the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the bypass;*

We feel our current approach will minimize the duration of the bypass. Unfortunately, we can not eliminate or prevent routine maintenance and repairs from needing to be done.

Please let us know if the proposed bypass dates are acceptable. If you have any further questions regarding the bypass, please feel free to reach out to me at my email of [chris.babcock@darigold.com](mailto:chris.babcock@darigold.com) or by phone at (509) 854-4379.

Best Regards,

Chris Babcock  
Environmental Manager

cc via email: Jay Hester- Port of Sunnyside  
Cory Wilson- Port of Sunnyside  
Doug Pettinger- Sr Director of Environmental Compliance  
Brian Fox- Site Director

## Babcock, Chris

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**From:** Durkee, Matthew (ECY) <MDUR461@ECY.WA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:21 AM  
**To:** Babcock, Chris  
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Hi Chris,

Your request for the maintenance bypass in the attached letter is approved, thank you for coordinating with the Port of Sunnyside on this!

Matthew Durkee, LHG  
Senior Hydrogeologist  
Water Quality Program  
Washington Dept. of Ecology  
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**From:** Huwe, Cynthia (ECY) <CHUW461@ECY.WA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:50 PM  
**To:** Durkee, Matthew (ECY) <MDUR461@ECY.WA.GOV>  
**Subject:** Matt 11-5-21.pdf

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