

Permit Compliance Inspection Report

Water Quality Program

Central Region Office

A. General Information

Facility Name & Address: Milne Fruit Products Inc
804 Bennet Ave, Prosser WA 99350

Permit Type: Industrial Stormwater General Permit

Permit Number: WAR000186

Date(s) of Inspection: 4/29/2025

Inspection Duration: 11:05 am to 12:25pm

Discharge to: Ground

Receiving Water: Yakima River

Type of Inspection: Announced
Compliance Inspection - Without Sampling

ERTS # NA

Weather: Sun, 50°F

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

B. Personnel Information

Ecology Representative(s): Kevin Dolan (Lead Inspector)

Facility Representative(s): Bruce DeJong
Plant Engineer
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Inspector Signature(s)

Reviewer Signature



5/1/2025

Kevin Dolan (Author)
Industrial Stormwater Inspector

Date

Andrea Jedel (Electronic Signature) 5/12/2025

Andrea Jedel
Industrial Unit Supervisor

Date

C. Facility Description & Background

They have been in operation since 1956. The facility site database entry for this property is 88267788. The WQ program is currently drafting a new permit version of permit WA0052272 for this business.

D. Inspection Narrative & Observations

1. Permit Documentation and Records Review

We discussed outfall evaluation details, their facility map, and 15-year DMR graphs for the WA0052272 permit.

2. Site Walkthrough

City of Prosser has an MS4 pipe that travels underneath Milne buildings, and then daylights on the bank of the Yakima River as "outfall 001". Milne is permitted to discharge cooling water into this MS4 pipe, if in compliance with permit limits for pH, temperature, flow, and ammonia.

We toured the three places in the plant where water can be discharged to outfall 001. The first two places are related to cooling water. These are equipped with auto samplers and direct the discharge to the sewer vault if measurements detect an exceedance of permit limits.

The third place is the first flush stormwater downspout collection point. This has a valve that permanently remains closed, therefore water that arrives in this vault is instead pumped to the sewer vault and never discharged to outfall 001.

The south side of the property collects stormwater in a separate series of stormwater grates that discharge to a large culvert to a swale between railroad tracks. This south area is used for storage of empty barrels, pallets and other dry parts.

E. Corrective Actions Required for Compliance

There are currently no stormwater compliance issues to address.

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.

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Photo 1 [IMG_0617]
Description: Grated sewer vault that stores wastewater going to the city POTW. The pipe indicated allows cooling water to discharge to outfall 001.



Photo 2 [IMG_0618]
Description: West face of facility looking north. Most of this alleyway drains to the sewer vault.



Photo 3 [IMG_0619]
Description: New fruit receiving area. Drains to sewer vault.



Photo 4 [IMG_0620]
Description: South lot stormwater drain and dry storage.



Photo 5 [IMG_0621]

Description: Fruit juice evaporator installed in 2011 can evaporate 50,000 gallons a day.

Milne Fruit

4/29/2025

804 Bennett Ave

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Handwritten note: 11:05

Prosser

Time M: 11:05

Out: 12:25

WAR 000186

Bruce DeJong

Plant Engineer

Vehicle 11

WA 0052272

509 786 2611

Hoyd Stevens Jr.

Notes:

mixed

outfall 001

soft city water (water towers)

softened, but no additives

2005 juice evaporator installed

mikes

2015 post 15 apples/meter
more discharge

Stormwater: first flush all routed to

one sump, 2011. Relocated

evaporator fluids

now has a valve, always

to city, pH 3 distilled
sugar

closed. Pumped to POTW vault

wastewater

sumps started

in 1956

South end lot to snake, river

North end all to POTW, catches
stormwater

Infrastructure has stayed constant

since 2011.