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Sent via email only: jwingert@onelineage.com

RE: Application for New State Wastewater Discharge Permit No. ST0009213

Dear Josh Wingert:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates your recent submission of Lineage Prosser's Discharge Monitoring Report and Transfer of Ownership Form. Lineage – Prosser's permit is due to expire on December 31, 2025.

Please submit the following to renew permit coverage to allow wastewater discharge to Prosser POTW by **June 15, 2025**:

- **State Waste Discharge Permit Application Industrial to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW):** We understand the facility would like to change the current permitted discharge point from the lagoon to the Prosser POTW.
- **Updated Engineering Report:** Provide information on any effluent generating process or treatment, if applicable.
- **Wasteload Characterization Report:** Describe the operational pollutants and loadings anticipated. The section in the application to detail loadings may not be sufficient. Discharge may be characterized using existing effluent loading to the lagoon as demonstrated through submittal of a Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) analysis if there are no process or treatment changes.

- **Industrial User Contract (IUC):** The IUC establishes effluent limits. These local limits may be used in your upcoming DRAFT Permit. The EPA Pretreatment Regulation recognizes technically based local limits as pretreatment standards under Section 307(c) of the Clean Water Act. EPA's pretreatment regulations also reinforce that pretreatment permits must require compliance with any more stringent state or local requirement.

Future Operational Considerations

- If your Industrial to POTW application is accepted, we will require verification that the discharge to the lagoon has ceased and future discharges to the lagoon will be prevented through Engineering controls. Construction specifications, As-Built Design, and a Plan to prevent discharge of wastewater should be submitted as assurance against future discharges.

Ecology has been issuing all recent State permits with a one-year advance requirement for application submittal, based on the lead time required to prepare modern permits.

Completing the Application

Permit application form 040-177 is enclosed. Application form 040-177 is available from Ecology's website at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Water-Quality-individual-permits#forms>.

Please complete all of Sections A through J of the enclosed permit application. Please submit any additional information that you feel may help Ecology determine the impact of your discharge upon the POTW.

Section J. Certifications has to be signed by the Prosser POTW prior to submitting the application to Ecology.

Signature Delegation

The application must be signed by either a principal executive officer (corporations), a general partner (partnerships) or by the proprietor (sole proprietorships) (WAC 173-216-070).

Signature authority for submittals required by the permit such as monthly reports may be delegated to a particular, qualified individual or to a position which is expected to be filled by a qualified individual. Please submit a copy of the letter delegating signature authority along with the application for our files.



Submitting the Application

The Permittee must use the Water Quality Permitting Portal – Permit Submittals application according to Special Condition Section S3.B of your temporary permit. Please scan any attachments to the application and submit them in PDF format.

AND

Please email a **signed application** by **June 15, 2025** to: crowqpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

Your permit application is a matter of public record. When Ecology decides to proceed with reissuance of your permit, a public notice will be issued to a newspaper of local circulation. This will allow the public to comment on Ecology's decision regarding your permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 379-3967 or by email at crowqpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Joy Espinoza (signed electronically) 05/15/2025

Permit Coordinator and Information Specialist
Water Quality Program

Enclosures: State Industrial to POTW Groundwater Application and Instructions
Copy of Expiring Permit
Copy of February 6, 2017 Application

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