



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

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May 29, 2025

Mike Moss  
Cowlitz County Public Works  
1600 13th Avenue  
Kelso, WA 98626

Re: Permit Issuance for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number WA0037770, Toutle Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Mike Moss:

Enclosed is NPDES Permit Number WA0037770 for Toutle Wastewater Treatment Plant. The permit is issued by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) in conformance with the Water Pollution Control Law [[Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\)](#)], and as authorized by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acting under the [Federal Clean Water Act](#).

Submission of an application for permit renewal or continued discharge must be received by Ecology by the date indicated in the permit [[Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 173-220-180](#)]. Please contact Alisha Mckittrick, Permit Administrator, at [swroqwqpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:swroqwqpermits@ecy.wa.gov) or (564) 999-3587 for an application form.

The new permit requires you to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) electronically by using our WQWebPortal, unless we issue a waiver (Special Condition S3A). For more information, please go to the [WQWebPortal home page: https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance) or call our Headquarters Technical Assistance Unit at (360) 407-7097.

#### **Permit Fees**

Ecology, in response to the passage of Initiative 97 in 1988, has adopted a regulation to recover costs associated with the issuance and administration of wastewater discharge permits ([Chapter 173-220 WAC](#)).

The annual fee for both industrial and municipal/domestic discharges is computed according to the permit fee schedules contained in [WAC 173-224-040](#). Ecology notifies permit holders of fee changes 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.

#### **Appeal Process**

You have the right to appeal this permit within 30 days upon receipt of this document. Pursuant to [Chapter 43.21B RCW](#), your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, and served on Ecology, within 30 days of the date of your receipt of this document.

If you choose to appeal this decision, your notice of appeal must contain:

- A copy of the permit you are appealing; and
- A copy of the application for the permit/modification.

Any appeal must contain the following in accordance with the rules of the Hearings Board:

- A. The appellant's name and address;
- B. The coverage date and number of the permit appealed;
- C. A description of the substance within the permit that is the subject of the appeal;
- D. A clear, separate, and concise statement of every error alleged to have been committed;
- E. A clear and concise statement of the facts which the requester relies to sustain his or her statements of error; and
- F. A statement setting forth the relief sought.

#### ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Address	Mailing Address
<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive Southeast Lacey, WA 98503  <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel Road Southwest, Suite 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608  <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

For additional Information: [Environmental Hearings Office](#) website: <https://eluho.wa.gov/>

If you have any questions on this action, please contact Gary Myers at [gary.myers@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:gary.myers@ecy.wa.gov) or call (564)-233-1139.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kolosseus  
Southwest Region Section Manager  
Water Quality Program