

**NOTICE: PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT AND FACT SHEET  
WATER QUALITY PERMIT REISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM (CSS)**

**Permit No.** WA0031682

**Applicant:** City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities  
Combined Sewer System  
700 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98124

The City of Seattle reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act [Chapter 90.48](#) Revised Code of Washington, [Chapter 173-220](#) Washington Administrative Code, and the Federal Clean Water Act.

The City of Seattle currently owns and operates a combined sewer collection system within the Seattle city limits. The combined sewer system and associated overflows must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow intermittent discharge of combined wastewater and stormwater into Lake Washington, Lake Washington Ship Canal, Lake Union, Union Bay, Portage Bay, Salmon Bay, Elliot Bay, Duwamish Waterways, Longfellow Creek, and Puget Sound.

Ecology has made a preliminary determination on the permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION**

The draft permit, fact sheet and related documents may be viewed at the Ecology website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx> by entering permit number WA0031682. These documents are also available at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office, by appointment only, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, weekdays. To schedule an appointment to view copies, call 206-594-0000, or email [nwro\\_public\\_request@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov).

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted or postmarked by July 31, 2025. Comments should be sent to:

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Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary.

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