



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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February 20, 2013

James Slade
Liberty Mining & Exploration LLC
106A N Peoh Ave
Cle Elum, WA 98922-1229

Re: Revocation of State Wastewater Discharge Permit No. ST9256

Dear Mr. Slade:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to establish and collect annual fees under RCW 90.48.465 – Water Pollution Control, for expenses associated with issuing and administering wastewater discharge permits. WAC 173-216-130(e) – State Waste Discharge Permit Program, allows Ecology to revoke permits for nonpayment of permit fees.

Ecology records indicate that you have failed to pay the necessary permit fees associated with your discharge permit. Therefore, State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST9256 will be terminated 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter. A copy of the original invoice(s) is/are included with this letter.

Appeal Process

You have the right to appeal Ecology's decision to revoke your stormwater construction general permit coverage to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter:

- File your appeal and a copy of this letter with the PCHB (see addresses on page 2). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal on Ecology in paper form – by mail or in person (see addresses on page 2). E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.



Address and Location Information

Street Addresses: Department of Ecology Attn: Bev Poston 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Mailing Addresses: Department of Ecology Attn: Bev Poston PO Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) 1111 Israel Road SW, Suite 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Public Notification of Revoked Permit

Ecology may notify the public when modifying or revoking permits. Ecology may also issue a notice to the media listing facilities that no longer hold valid discharge permits because of nonpayment of permit fees.

Discharging Without Permit Coverage

If you discharge or otherwise operate in a manner which is subject to regulation by means of a permit as outlined in Chapter 90.48 RCW, Ecology expressly reserves the right to seek all appropriate remedies against you as authorized by statute, including: (1) court action to prevent further operation of your facility, and (2) the assessment of civil penalties until unpaid fees are paid and a new wastewater discharge permit is obtained. A penalty in an amount up to ten thousand dollars a day for violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW may be imposed. Persons willfully discharging waste into waters of the state without the authorized permit coverage are potentially subject to criminal prosecution, and if convicted, punished by fine and imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

A new permit may be obtained only upon proper application. Issuance of a new permit may take from three to six months or longer.

Ecology Contacts for Questions

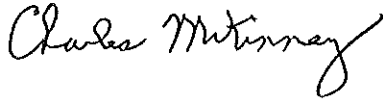
If you have questions regarding the ramifications of discharging without permit coverage, please contact the appropriate regional office listed below.

<i>Ecology Northwest Regional Office</i>	-	<i>(425) 649-7098</i>
<i>Ecology Southwest Regional Office</i>	-	<i>(360) 407-6300</i>
<i>Ecology Central Regional Office</i>	-	<i>(509) 575-2490</i>
<i>Ecology Eastern Regional Office</i>	-	<i>(509) 329-3401</i>

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If you have questions regarding the payment of permit fees or believe this letter was sent to you in error, please contact Bev Poston, Fee Program Administrator at (360) 407-6425.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "M".

Charles McKinney
Section Manager
Water Quality Program
Central Regional Office

Enclosure: Wastewater Permit Invoices

By Certified Mail 7006 0100 0002 8191 2308



Washington State Department of Ecology
Wastewater Permit Invoice

Printed: Feb 19, 2013

LIBERTY MINING & EXPLORATION LLC
Attn: JAMES SLADE
Old Town Mine
106A N PEOH AVE
CLE ELUM, WA 98922-1229

Invoice #: 2010-ST9256
Permit: ST9256
Fee Type: Wastewater
Category: Ore Mining - A - Ore Mining Only

Date	Description	Annual Fee	Amount Billed	Amount Paid	Amount Due	Due Date
08/05/2009	Annual Fee Amount	\$3,342.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
08/05/2009	Billing Amount	\$0.00	\$3,342.00	\$0.00	\$3,342.00	09/19/2009
Total Annual Fee:		\$3,342.00	\$3,342.00	-	\$0.00	= \$3,342.00

This invoice covers Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010).

- An annual fee will no longer be assessed once the permit has been canceled by Ecology. However, the full annual amount will be owed for the current fiscal year regardless of the permit termination date within that fiscal year. ECOLOGY DOES NOT PRORATE FEES FOR PERMIT TERMINATIONS.
- Delinquent accounts will be turned over for collection and a 20% surcharge will be added to the amount owed. This surcharge is Ecology's cost for the collection action.
- Small business/extreme hardship fee reduction application requests can be found at the following web address:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/PermitFeeForms.html
- Questions regarding the permit fee assessment should be directed to: Bev Poston at 360/407-6425 or via email to bev.poston@ecy.wa.gov

Please send check or money order payable to:
Department of Ecology
Cashiering Unit
PO Box 47611
Olympia WA 98504-7611

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8/5/2009 1:10:55PM 872.00

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Wastewater Fee Billing Notice

Past Due Amount This Fiscal Year:

\$0.00

Current Amount Due:

\$3,342.00

Total Amount Due:

\$3,342.00

← This Amount Due By 09/19/2009

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Invoice #: 2010-ST9256
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Coding: 176 - WWD - 02-86-000196
ECY 010-72b (6/99)



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Permit: ST9256
Fee Type: Wastewater
Category: Ore Mining- A - Ore Mining Only

Date	Description	Annual Fee	Amount Billed	Amount Paid	Amount Due	Due Date
07/27/2010	Annual Fee Amount	\$3,342.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
07/27/2010	Billing Amount	\$0.00	\$3,342.00	\$0.00	\$3,342.00	09/10/2010
Total Annual Fee:		\$3,342.00	\$3,342.00	—	\$0.00	= \$3,342.00

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Category: Ore Mining- A - Ore Mining Only

Date	Description	Annual Fee	Amount Billed	Amount Paid	Amount Due	Due Date
07/18/2011	Annual Fee Amount	\$3,342.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
07/18/2011	Billing Amount	\$0.00	\$3,342.00	\$0.00	\$3,342.00	09/01/2011
Total Annual Fee:		\$3,342.00	\$3,342.00	-	\$0.00	= \$3,342.00

This invoice covers Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012).

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