



# Public Notice

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## Re-Issuance of Dairy Operation General Permit

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### Permit Issued

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The purpose of this public notice is to provide notice that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Dairy Operation General Discharge Permit on March 1, 2000. The effective date of the permit is April 1, 2000.

### Obtaining the Permit

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You may obtain a copy of the permit at the Ecology Internet Site at:

<http://www.wa.gov/ecology/wq/links/dairy.html>

If you would like a copy of the permit mailed to you please contact the Ecology staff listed below on this public notice.

### Changes to the 1994 Permit

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The March 1, 2000 permit changed the earlier 1994 permit. These changes primarily involve editing the 1994 permit language for improved legal consistency with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and the 1998 state Dairy Nutrient Management Act.

### Permit Coverage Required

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Generally speaking, any commercial dairy farm that discharges manure or contaminated water to surface or ground waters of the state requires permit coverage. Once permit coverage is issued a Dairy Nutrient Management Plan (DNMP) must be developed and implemented. This will limit future discharges to those that may occur as a result of extreme weather events.

### Dairy Farms to be Covered by the Permit

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The permit applies to the entire state of Washington. The facilities to be covered under this permit include:

- Current holders of permit coverage under the September 3, 1994 NPDES/State Dairy Waste General Permit;
- Dairy farms voluntarily submitting an application for coverage under the new permit;
- Dairy farms requiring permit coverage that were unable to obtain coverage since expiration of the 1994 permit on September 2, 1999; and
- Dairy farms identified through future Ecology inspections that meet the definition of a Concentrated Dairy Animal Feeding Operation and require permit coverage.

## **How to Apply for Permit Coverage**

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Coverage under the permit may be obtained by submitting to the appropriate Ecology Regional Office a completed "Dairy Waste General Discharge Permit Application for Coverage," Publication ECY 040-7, revised August 1995.

## **Appeal Process**

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This permit may be appealed. Your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington, 98504-0903 within thirty (30) days of issuance of the permit. At the same time, your appeal must be served to the Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7666, Attn: Phil KauzLoric. Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this permit. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Chapter 43.21B RCW.

## **For Additional Information**

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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Phil KauzLoric, telephone: (360) 407-6413 or e-mail [pkau461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:pkau461@ecy.wa.gov)

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