



# Public Hearings Notice: CAFO Permit

from Ecology's Water Quality Program

## Workshops and Hearings

*All workshops and hearings are open to the public. They all begin at 6 p.m. and will end at about 9 p.m.*

### **Yakima:**

Wed., January 5  
Yakima Area  
Arboretum  
1401 Arboretum Drive

### **Spokane:**

Thursday, January 6  
Spokane Falls  
Community College  
Student Union  
Building #17  
3410 W. Fort George  
Wright Dr.

### **Mt. Vernon:**

Monday, January 10  
Skagit County PUD  
1415 Freeway Drive

### **Longview:**

Wed., January 12  
Cowlitz County PUD  
961 12th Avenue

The Department of Ecology is proposing to issue a general permit to cover Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO). The old dairy general permit will expire in March 2005. The Department of Ecology has revised the permit and is proposing to reissue the permit on March 2, 2005.

You are invited to review and comment on the draft permit and fact sheet from December 1, 2004 to January 28, 2005. The Department of Ecology will host four workshops and public hearings on its proposed permit.

## Workshops and Hearings

The purpose of the workshops is to explain the general permit and answer your questions. The purpose of the hearings is to provide an opportunity for you to give formal comments on the proposed permit. All workshops will begin at 6 p.m. and the hearings will follow the workshop.

## Public Comments

You are encouraged to give written comments during the public comment period or oral comments at the public hearings. Please send comments to:

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Written comments must be postmarked no later than Friday, **January 28, 2005**. Faxed and e-mailed comments must be received by midnight, January 28, 2005.



## Purpose of the General Permit

The proposed general permit covers discharges of waste water from CAFOs to waters of Washington State. Under federal and state water quality law, a permit is required for the discharge of wastewater. The permit requires CAFOs to develop a nutrient management plan to manage their manure. It also requires CAFOs to store and use manure in a way that will protect water quality.

## Issuing the Final CAFO General Permit

The Department of Ecology will issue the final permit after it considers all public comments. If you comment on the draft permit, the Department of Ecology will send a response to you when it issues the final permit.

## For More Information

The Department of Ecology has prepared a draft permit, fact sheet and application for your review. Copies of the documents are available on our web page at [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/cafo](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/cafo).

For more information, please contact Andrew Kolosseus of the Department of Ecology at 360-407-7543 or [akol461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:akol461@ecy.wa.gov).

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### Which state agency is running the CAFO program?

In July 2003, the Legislature transferred the CAFO Program from the Department of Ecology to the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA).

However, the Department of Ecology is still in charge of writing and administering the CAFO general permit.

WSDA is responsible for doing the inspections of the CAFOs and working with them to solve any compliance problems.

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