



Notice to Registrants

from Ecology's Water Quality Program

Notice to registrants of new or reformulated chemical products to be used in fruit packing houses

Washington State regulations require all point source wastewater discharges to be permitted under either a state permit for discharges to ground water or municipal sewage treatment plants, or an NPDES permit for discharges to surface waters. Post-harvest chemicals, including pesticides, to be used in the fresh fruit packing process must be included in the Fresh Fruit Packing General Wastewater Permit. Chemicals not specified in the general permit cannot be discharged in wastewater.

Any registrant that anticipates marketing in Washington State any new or reformulated post-harvest chemical product, including pesticides, which may end up in a point source wastewater discharge should contact the Washington State Department of Ecology as soon as possible. Post-harvest chemicals not specifically allowed for use under these permits may be required to undergo a risk assessment process more specific to Washington State. This risk assessment is an evaluation of the product independent of the risk assessment performed by the EPA during the registration process. This does not include products for agricultural field use only.

Why this is important

Wastewater discharge permits are issued on a 5 year cycle. Additional information may be needed from the registrant for the permitting process. Contacting Ecology early in the chemical registration process will make the permitting process more efficient.

Contact information

For post-harvest chemicals Including pesticides

Washington State Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
Attn: Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit Manager
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3452
509-454-7298
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