

Proposed Termination of Interim Status Permit for PRS Group, Inc.

PRS Group Inc. (PRS), located at 3003 Taylor Way in Tacoma, Washington conducts activities that do not require a dangerous waste permit. Ecology proposes to terminate their interim state-only status because it is not needed. Ecology approved PRS to manage state-only dangerous waste under interim status in 1991. In 2014, PRS withdrew its final permit application.

PRS receives and manages wastes from off-site generators. Activities conducted on site include: storage and treatment of used oil for resale, storage of spent antifreeze for recycling, and treatment of wastewater for discharge to the local sewer utility. PRS also manages non-dangerous waste sludge for disposal at a Subtitle D landfill.

Public Comment Requested

Ecology is seeking comments on the proposed termination of PRS' interim status permit. We will consider and respond to all comments submitted and make a decision. We will then notify the facility and all who submitted comments of the final decision.

Public Hearing

Ecology will conduct a public hearing on this tentative decision if enough members of the public request one. To request a hearing, contact Ava Edmonson by phone, letter, or e-mail by December 11, 2014 (contact information in the panel on the right. To find out if a public hearing will be held, contact her after December 18, 2014.

Appealing the Final Decision

People can challenge Ecology's final decision by appealing to the [Pollution Control Hearings Board](#). Appeal procedures are in [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 173-303-845](#) and [Chapter 43.21 B Revised Code of Washington](#) (RCW).

Comment Period

Comments must be postmarked or hand delivered between:

**October 27, 2014 through
December 11, 2014**

Submit comments to:
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For more information or a copy of related documentation, contact Ava Edmonson (contact information listed above) or visit our website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/index.html>

Accommodation Requests:

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-6700. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Facility Background

PRS Group, Inc. (PRS) is located in the Tacoma tide-flats. PRS receives and manages wastes from off-site generators. Activities on site include: storage and treatment of used oil for resale, storage of spent antifreeze for recycling, and treatment of wastewater suitable for discharge to the local sewer utility.

Annually, PRS estimates that it manages approximately six million gallons of waste, such as used engine oil, non-polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) transformer oils, lubricating oils, oily wastewaters, bilge and ballast wastes, drilling fluids, and waste ethylene glycol. PRS also manages non-dangerous waste sludge for ultimate disposal at a Subtitle D landfill.

[WAC 173-303-800](#) establishes the permit requirements for facilities that treat, store, and dispose of dangerous waste. [WAC 173-303-805\(8\)\(a\)](#) authorizes Ecology to terminate an interim status permit once a final administrative disposition of a permit application is made. In 2013, PRS submitted a dangerous waste permit application; Parts A and B. Ecology responded by detailing concerns about the application and requested that PRS clarify their intent. In early 2014, PRS clarified their intent by a written request to withdraw their application. On 2/27/2014, Ecology wrote to PRS declaring the permit process closed.

PRS is operating within the purview of [WAC-173-303-515](#) (Standards for the Management of Used Oil) and [-522](#) (Special Requirements for Recycling Spent Antifreeze). Operating in this manner, PRS conducts activities that do not require a dangerous waste permit. PRS' withdrawal of their application indicates they are not pursuing final facility status, and thus a permit was not granted under [WAC 173-303-806](#). Ecology intends to terminate PRS' interim status.

Effective Date

After considering comments, Ecology will make a final decision. The decision will become effective thirty days after Ecology provides notice of the decision. However, if Ecology receives no comments from the public, the final decision will be effective immediately upon issuance.

For More Information

Contact Ava Edmonson at the mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number listed on the front side panel or visit our website at: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/index.html