

## Simpson Tacoma Kraft

### Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed reissuance of Simpson Tacoma Kraft's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit.

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail January 30 – March 3, 2014. You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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(360) 407-7393

If we determine there is significant interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will:

- Extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice of the hearing.
- Publish the time, date and location.

### Permit

Simpson operates a pulp and paper mill that discharges to Inner Commencement Bay in Tacoma. Under state and federal law, a NPDES permit is required to discharge this wastewater.

Simpson's permit was last issued November 15, 2008. There are no significant changes proposed other than an electronic data submittal requirement. The permit fact sheet contains more information.

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### Comment period

January 30 – March 3, 2014

#### Send written comments to:

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#### Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Tacoma Public Library  
1102 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dept of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp\\_simpson.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_simpson.html)

#### Special accommodations

If you require special accommodations or need this document in a version for the visually impaired, call the Waste 2 Resources program at (360) 407-6900.

Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

A NPDES permit is normally issued every five years. It:

- Sets limits on the kinds, amounts and concentrations of pollutants a facility may release.
- Requires a facility to measure, test and report its pollutants.
- Prescribes “best management practices.”
- Sets other legal conditions necessary to discharge wastewater.

Effective comments:

- Tell us how well, based on current laws, rules and regulations, the proposed permit protects receiving water.
- Provide input on limits, conditions and requirements.
- Let us know if you think we made errors interpreting state and federal permitting requirements.
- Are specific. Tell us specifically what your concern is and how you think the permit should change.

When the comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments received and make appropriate changes to the permit before issuing it.

#### **Facility information**

Simpson Tacoma Kraft operates a Kraft pulp and paper mill at 801 Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA. Currently employing about 400 people, the mill produces bleached and unbleached packaging grade paper, linerboard, and unbleached kraft pulp. Average production is 1400 tons per day.