

Specialty Minerals, Longview

Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed renewal of the Specialty Minerals, Longview State Waste Discharge wastewater permit.

We will accept comments by mail, e-mail or fax July 10 – August 11, 2014. You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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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 date, time and location.

Permit

This permit allows Specialty Minerals to discharge:

- Wastewater and stormwater to the Weyerhaeuser, Longview wastewater treatment plant. Once treated by Weyerhaeuser, the wastewater is discharged to the Columbia River through Outfalls 001 and 002.
- Sanitary wastewater to the Weyerhaeuser Longview sanitary wastewater treatment plant.

The facility's permit was last issued October 2009. Changes to the permit include:

- Added monitoring for priority pollutants.
- Updated submittal requirement for the facility's Operations and Maintenance Manual.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

July 10 – August 11, 2014

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Longview Public Library
1600 Louisiana Street
Longview, WA 98362

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Way SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Online:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/chemLongview.html>

Send written comments to:

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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.

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Permit limits are unchanged. More information on changes to the permit is found in the associated fact sheet.

A State Waste Discharge 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

Located at 3515 Industrial Way in Longview, Specialty Minerals produces precipitated calcium carbonate by reacting carbon dioxide with slaked lime.