



Shell Puget Sound Refinery

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Anacortes Public Library
1220 10th Street
Anacortes, WA

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/oil_shell.html

Dept of Ecology, Headquarters
Industrial Section
300 Desmond Dr SE
Lacey, WA, 98502



Comment period: July 20 - September 19, 2016

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed renewal of the Shell Puget Sound Refinery's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System wastewater permit.

The permit does not address trains carrying oil. This comment period is not an opportunity to comment on the rail unloading facility proposed by Shell. Visit <http://shellraileis.com> for more information on the public process related to that proposal.

Changes to the permit

Proposed major changes to the permit include:

- Lower limits for Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), Total Suspended Solids, Oil and Grease, phenol, hexavalent chromium, ammonia and sulfide.
- Removal of the total residual chlorine limit and construction stormwater requirements.
- Reduced frequency of COD monitoring.
- Added a sediment impact study, wastewater treatment (WWT) efficiency study, certification requirements for WWT operators, submittal of electronic reports, and monitoring to demonstrate compliance with design criteria.

More information on these changes is available in the proposed permit's Fact Sheet.

Public event

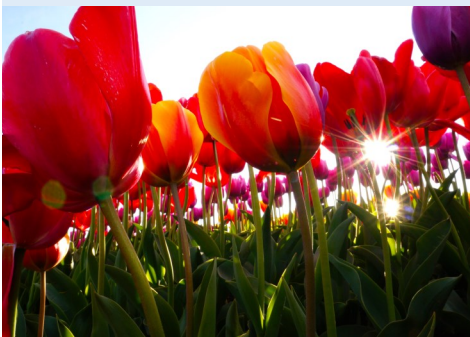
A hearing to accept oral comments on the proposed permit will take place September 12, 2016, starting at 6 p.m., at the Anacortes Public Library Meeting Room, 1220 10th Street, in Anacortes.

Send written comments to:

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Commenting

Effective comments tell us if we correctly applied current laws, rules and regulations to this action. They:

- Are specific. Tell us what your concern is and how you think the wastewater permit should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the conditions and requirements in the permit.
- Relate to the potential impacts to water quality and sediments from this action. Where possible, describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

When the comment period ends, we will review all comments received and make appropriate changes before finalizing the documents.

Facility information

Located on South Texas Road on March Point in Anacortes, WA, the refinery separates crude oil for further processing and blending into a variety of petroleum products, including:

- Gasoline
- Diesel oil
- Jet fuel
- Propane
- Coke
- Sulfur

Shell treats process wastewater in their wastewater treatment plant, and discharges it to Fidalgo Bay.