

Alcoa Wenatchee

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Wenatchee Public Library
310 Douglas Street
Wenatchee, WA

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/industrial/UIPermit/DraftPermits.aspx>

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Comment period: November 18 - December 21, 2016

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed modification to Alcoa Wenatchee's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System wastewater permit. We will accept comments only on the changes, not the entire permit.

Changes to the permit

Alcoa has temporarily curtailed (closed) the aluminum smelter in Wenatchee. Because of this, Ecology proposes changing the schedule of when some pollutant monitoring, testing, and studies must be submitted. Please read the permit's fact sheet for more information on which pollutants, tests, and studies are included in this change.

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 modifications to this wastewater permit should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the conditions and requirements in the permit.
- Relate to the potential impacts to water quality and river sediment 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.

Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-7668 or visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/accessibility.html>. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

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 public 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 and publish the time, date and location.

Facility information

Located at 6200 Malaga Highway in Malaga, WA, this primary aluminum smelter is capable of producing approximately 220,000 tons of aluminum metal each year.

Though the smelter is currently closed, Alcoa continues to monitor pollutants in the treated sanitary wastewater, non-contact cooling water, and stormwater they send (discharge) to the Columbia River.

