



Specialty Minerals, Wallula

Draft documents are available at the following locations:

Burbank Public Library
875 S Lake Rd
Burbank, WA 99323

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

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Comment period: January 13 - February 13, 2017

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the draft State Waste Discharge Permit for Specialty Minerals in Wallula. This permit allows Specialty Minerals to send wastewater to the Boise Wallula pulp and paper mill for treatment.

Changes to the permit

The only proposed change to the permit is reduced frequency of monitoring of Total Suspended Solids, from once each day to once each week. All other requirements remain the same.

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 permit should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the conditions and requirements in the permit.
- Relate the potential impacts to water quality 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.

You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. 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.

Special accommodations

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Facility information

Specialty Minerals is located at 31839 Highway 12 in Wallula. It makes precipitated calcium carbonate by reacting carbon dioxide with slaked lime.

After Specialty Minerals' wastewater is treated by the Boise Wallula mill wastewater treatment plant, it is discharged to the Columbia River.

