

U.S. Oil Water Quality Permit Renewal



Submit comments:

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Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Webpage:

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

Comment period: June 25 – August 9, 2019

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the draft renewal of the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water quality permit for U.S. Oil & Refining Co.(USOR).

Changes to the Permit

We propose the following changes to the permit:

- New limits and monitoring requirements for stormwater and process wastewater.
- A compliance schedule for meeting stormwater limits for copper and zinc.
- Submitting discharge monitoring reports electronically.
- Doing a receiving water metals study.
- Submitting an updated Pollution Prevention Plan.
- New requirements related to when some outfalls are active or inactive.

Read the permit's fact sheet for more detailed information on these changes.

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.

- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

When the comment period ends, we'll review the comments received and make a final decision, which may include changes to the permits.

Will there be a public hearing?

We will hold a public hearing if there is significant interest to do so. Requests for a hearing must be in writing and received by July 26, 2019. Send your request to:

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In the request, you must include your interest in requesting the hearing and why you feel it is necessary.

If we determine there is significant public interest to hold a hearing, we will hold it:

August 7, 2019
Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2102 South C Street in Tacoma, WA.

If no timely requests for a hearing are received or if we determine there is not a significant degree of public interest, we will cancel the hearing and post notice of the cancellation on our website.

Facility information

USOR is a petroleum refinery located at 3001 Marshall Avenue in Tacoma, Washington. It is capable of processing approximately 42,000 barrels of crude oil per day and sends (discharges) treated wastewater to the Blair Waterway in Commencement Bay.

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