

Closure Plan for Emerald Kalama Chemical and Fire Mountain Farms



Submit comments:

Online at

<http://hwtr.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=F35Td>

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Document review locations:

Online at

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Industrial-facilities-permits/Emerald-Kalama-Chemical>

Comment period: July 9 – August 7, 2020

We invite you to comment on Ecology's proposed decision to approve Emerald Kalama Chemical, LLC (Emerald) and Fire Mountain Farms, Inc.'s (FMF) closure plan.

What's in the closure plan?

Emerald and FMF submitted a closure plan to remove delisted hazardous waste from three facilities owned and operated by FMF in Lewis County. If approved, this closure plan will require the companies to dispose of all solids, contaminated soil, and wastewater at permitted facilities in Washington, but outside of Lewis County. Liquid waste from the Lewis County facilities will be treated in Emerald's industrial wastewater treatment facility in Cowlitz County.

The closure plan also includes details of how the companies will remove and manage solids, contaminated soil, and wastewater from the three storage facilities prior to disposal and treatment.

How does Ecology make its decision?

Emerald and FMF submitted a draft closure plan to Ecology for review. Ecology and Lewis County submitted comments and requested changes to the draft plan. Emerald and FMF then submitted a revised draft closure plan, which is now available for public comment.

Ecology will evaluate and consider all public comments received and require the companies to revise the closure plan again, if needed. Pending any revisions that result from public comment, Ecology proposes to approve the draft closure plan.

How to Comment

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

- relate to the potential impacts from this action;
- are focused;
- refer to the conditions and requirements in the action;
- are specific. They tell us what your concern is and how you think the action should change;
- describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

Ecology may hold a public hearing in response to a request from an interested person whenever such a hearing might clarify one or more issues concerning the closure plan. To request a hearing, contact:

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You must state the issues to be raised and explain why written comments would not sufficiently communicate your views.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Ecology will host public meetings and hearings online and/or reschedule them as appropriate. We respect the public's right to learn about and comment on environmental permitting and regulatory decisions affecting their communities. See <https://ecology.wa.gov/coronavirus> for information on Ecology's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Next steps

After evaluating all public comments, Ecology will make a final decision on the proposed closure plan. The department will either require the companies to revise the closure plan or approve the closure plan. If Ecology requires the companies to make significant revisions to the closure plan, then Ecology will hold another public comment period on the revised parts of the closure plan.

Facility information

Emerald is a chemical manufacturing facility located at 1296 Third St. NW in Kalama. They use toluene as a raw material to make flavorings, fragrances, preservatives, plasticizers, and other products used in the food, beverage, paint, and pharmaceutical industries.

FMF does business at several locations throughout Lewis County and operates several receiving, storage, and land application facilities for biosolids from municipal and private wastewater treatment facilities.

Se está llevando a cabo un periodo de comentario. Usted puede revisar y comentar sobre los borradores de los documentos del permiso. Estos describen los requisitos ambientales con los que debe cumplir una instalación industrial. Comuníquese con Katherine Walton al 360-407-7602 o katherine.walton@ecy.wa.gov para obtener más información. Para información en Español, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov o comuníquese con Gustavo Ordóñez al 360-407-6619.

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