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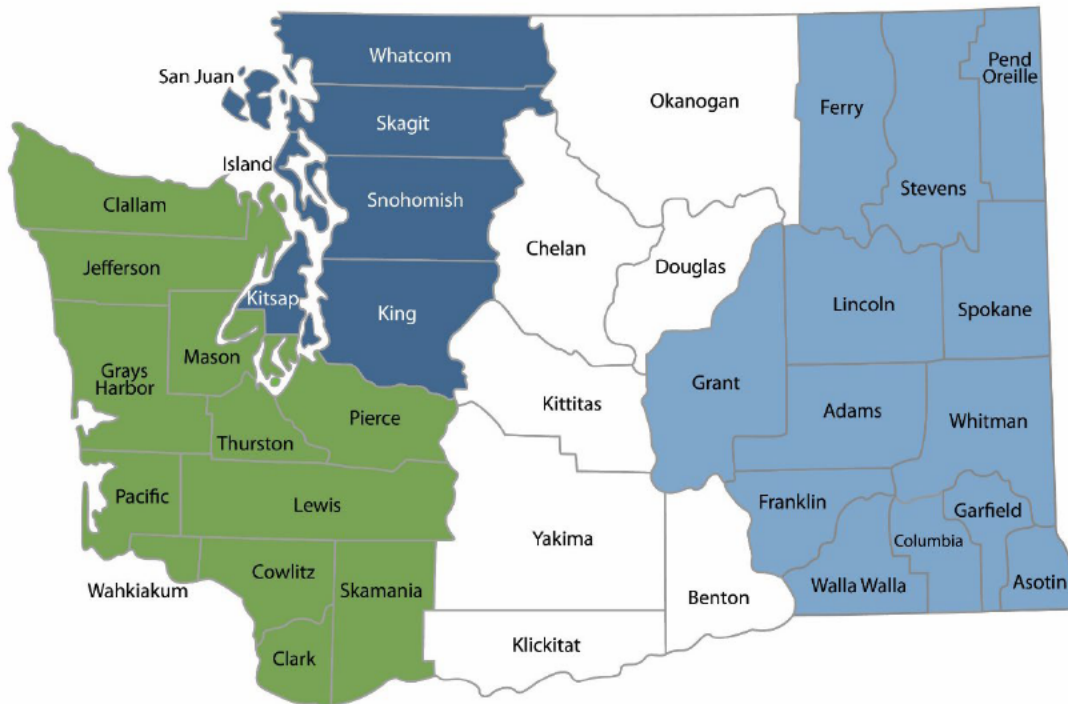
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Introduction

The Washington State Department of Ecology’s Nuclear Waste Program (Ecology) manages dangerous waste within the state by writing permits to regulate its treatment, storage, and disposal. When a new permit or a significant modification to an existing permit is proposed, Ecology holds a public comment period to allow the public to review the change and provide formal feedback. (See [Washington Administrative Code \[WAC\] 173-303-830](#) for types of permit changes.)

The Response to Comments is the last step before issuing the final permit, and its purpose is to:

- Specify which provisions, if any, of a permit will become effective upon issuance of the final permit, providing reasons for those changes.
- Describe and document public involvement actions.
- List and respond to all significant comments received during the public comment period and any related public hearings.

This Response to Comments is prepared for:

Comment period	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Draft Permit Renewal, Aug. 16 – Sept. 30, 2021
Permit	<i>Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Permit (Permit)</i>
Permittees	U. S. Department of Navy Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility
Original Issuance date	March 18, 2022
Effective date	April 18, 2022

To see more information related to the nuclear waste in Washington, please visit our webpage, [Nuclear Waste Oversight](#)².

²ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Nuclear-waste

Reasons for Issuing the Permit

This permit allows the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) to store containers of mixed waste generated from work on nuclear-powered naval vessels and radiological work performed inside the PSNS & IMF boundary. The permit also allows PSNS & IMF to store containers of waste generated by PSNS & IMF personnel at offsite facilities owned by the U.S. Department of Navy, at the Mixed Waste Storage Facility (MWSF).

The MWSF has been in operation since 1996 and stores containers of radiologically contaminated dangerous waste (mixed waste). It is designed for storage of mixed wastes for greater than 90 days.

The MWSF does not conduct treatment or disposal of any mixed waste. Wastes stored at the MWSF are awaiting shipment for treatment and/or final disposition.

The MWSF is a 54-by-42-foot concrete building with two rooms, a small mechanical room and the main storage bay. The building has two personnel access doors and a large roll-up door. Any of the doors can be used for placement or removal of mixed waste containers. The roof and walls are maintained to prevent water intrusion into the building. The concrete floor of the main storage bay provides secondary containment for containers.

This Permit ensures that PSNS & IMF operate the MWSF according to Washington State Dangerous Waste Requirements. The permit defines the extent of operations at the facility and includes requirements for waste analysis, container management, management of releases from solid waste management units, security, emergency preparedness, inspection, closure, compliance with other federal and state laws and corrective action.

Public Involvement Actions

Ecology encouraged public comment on the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Draft Permit Renewal during 45- day public comment period held Aug. 16 through Sept. 30, 2021.

The following actions were taken to notify the public:

- Mailed a public notice announcing the comment period to 222 members of the public.
- Placed a public announcement legal classified notice in the Tri-City Herald on Aug. 15, 2021.
- Placed a public announcement legal classified notice in the Kitsap Sun on Aug. 15, 2021.
- Emailed a notice announcing the start of the comment period to The ECY Commercial Mixed Rad Waste email list, which has 223 recipients.
- Posted the comment period notice on the Washington Department of Ecology – Hanford’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

The following public notices for this comment period are in [Appendix A](#) of this document:

- Focus sheet
- Classified notices in the Tri-City Herald and Kitsap Sun
- Notices sent to the ECY Commercial Mixed Rad Waste email list
- Notices posted on the Washington Department of Ecology – Hanford’s Facebook and Twitter pages

List of Commenters

The table below lists the names of organizations or individuals who submitted a comment on the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Permit renewal. The comments and responses are in [Attachment 1](#).

Commenter	Organization
Hawkins, Brian	Citizen
Kohler Joseph	Citizen

Attachment 1: Comments and Responses

Description of comments:

Ecology accepted comments from Aug. 16 through Sept. 30, 2021. This section provides a summary of comments that we received during the public comment period and our responses, as required by RCW 34.05.325(6)(a)(iii). Comments are grouped by individual and each comment is addressed separately.

I-1: BRIAN HAWKINS

Comment I-1-1

I'm writing as a concerned citizen and tax payer. I do not believe this permit should be renewed or even exist to begin with.

Controlling waste that is already radioactive to additional RCRA and state hazard criteria does nothing to protect public health or the environment. Radioactive waste never enters the public sphere and is disposed of in robust containers at authorized radioactive waste disposal sites. Additional RCRA/state hazard controls introduce burdensome and conflicting regulations, wastes my tax dollars, and slows maintenance activities on the nuclear naval fleet keeping this country safe.

This is clearly recognized by the Conditional Exemption for Low Level Mixed Waste in 40 CFR Subpart N which I am sure the shipyard could easily comply with. This does not appear to apply to the shipyard due to a quirk in the regulatory structure for the radioactive material requiring the exemption be modified at the federal level. I'm guessing that's why a place like the Columbia Generating Station, which would create near identical waste, does not have a permit like this. For waste solely hazardous in Washington, WAC 173-303-072 allows waste to be exempted if it does not pose a threat to public health or the environment.

In light of the Conditional Exemption for Low Level Mixed Waste, the Navy's mixed waste meeting Washington hazardous criteria should not be regulated by WDOE. Additionally, the WDOE should work with the EPA to revisit the original rule making that resulted in 40 CFR Subpart N to extend it to include at least Naval operations if not the rest of the Department of Energy regulated entities.

Response to I-1-1

Thank you for your comment. This exemption does not apply to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) low-level mixed waste (LLMW) for the following reasons:

- 1. Where the conditional exemption applies there is regulatory oversight by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). NRC oversight would ensure that mixed wastes are safely stored and treated. The Navy doesn't obtain NRC licenses, so applying the conditional exemption at PSNS & IMF would make the Navy the sole regulator for the Mixed Waste Storage Facility (MWSF).*
- 2. The PSNS & IMF has not requested and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) would not authorize self-regulation of it's greater than 90 day storage of LLMW. The Mixed Waste (MW) Permit put in place with Ecology (as an authorized state) ensures the MW are safely treated, stored, and disposed.*

The comment stating that the Conditional Exemption is why the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) doesn't have a MW permit is incorrect. CGS did have a MW permit and terminated their permit by closing their MW storage area. Any waste they generate is now covered under the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303 generator regulations, which do not require a permit.

I-2: JOSEPH KOHLER

Comment I-2-1

1) General Permit Conditions:

Condition 1.3.8.2 states, *"In accordance with WAC 173-303-810(14)(g), the Permittees must report instances of noncompliance not reported under WAC 173-303-810(14)(d), (e), and (f) (as specified in Permit Conditions 1.4 at the time of the next monitoring report or within six months of the date of noncompliance, whichever is sooner."*

- WAC 173-303-810(14)(d) captures monitoring reports
- WAC 173-303-810(14)(e) captures compliance schedules.
- WAC 173-303-810(14)(f) captures immediate reporting.

Question/Comment:

a) What is the scope of "other noncompliance" under this condition? Please specify. Are there examples or interpretive guidance regarding noncompliance matters that are to be reported under this condition? "Other noncompliance" could be just about anything unless specifics are published somewhere.

b) For corrective actions administered under the MTCA CAP or CERCLA RODs, are compliance matters to be reported under the associated agreement or this permit?—Which document prevails? How are RCRA/Dangerous Waste requirements coordinated with MTCA and CERCLA?

c) Does Ecology have a policy similar to EPA's audit policy?
<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/epas-audit-policy> . If so, could or should reporting under this condition be accomplished in a similar manner? Also see the following link:
<https://www.fedcenter.gov/epacorner/news/auditpolicy/>

d) Is it required to report noncompliance related to weekly inspections (draft permit section F.2), where routine problems are recorded and remedied in accordance with the remedial action plan?

Response to I-2-1

1a) "Other non-compliance" is any non-compliance associated with any other permit condition or requirement in the permit addenda that is not already reported under WAC 173-303-810(14)(d-f).

1b) Compliance matters for corrective actions administered under the MTCA CAP and CERCLA RODs in this permit will be reported under both the associated agreements and this permit. The requirements of the RODs/CAP and the permit must be satisfied. Ecology evaluates completeness of corrective action of SWMUs at the end life of the RODs/CAPs.

1c) Ecology does not have an audit policy equivalent to EPA's audit policy.

1d) Yes, PSNS & IMF are required to report non-compliances discovered during weekly inspections.

Comment I-2-2

2) List of Abbreviations:

Question/Comment:

a) MSDS - Material Safety Data Sheet is identified. OSHA's Hazcom regulations changed in 2012 to amend the data requirements and rename this document as the Safety Data Sheet.

Recommendation: Add "SDS" for Safety Data Sheet.

b) STP - Site Treatment Plan. Does a FFCA Site Treatment Plan still apply to mixed wastes at PSNS? If not, recommend deleting "STP".

Response to I-2-2

2a) All references to MSDS will be changed to SDS and the abbreviation for MSDS will be changed to SDS.

2b) Ecology approved of the termination of the PSNS & IMF Site Treatment Plan in 2008. Ecology will remove the Site Treatment Plan from the abbreviation table.

Comment I-2-3

3) Condition 1.4 - Monitoring and Records

Based on my review, there appears to be no ground water or surface water monitoring directly associated with the MWSF. The monitoring requirements would appear to be as directed by the previously issued MTCA CAP and CERCLA RODs.

Question/Comment:

Is this condition redundant considering the provisions listed in Condition 2.13.3?

Response to I-2-3

3) Standard Permit Condition 1.4 is a general requirement that is included in all Washington State Dangerous Waste Permits. Permit Condition 2.13 is specific to existing CERCLA RODs and the MTCA CAP. Permit Condition 2.13 does not make Permit Condition 1.4 redundant.

Comment I-2-4

4) Part A and Section C

The Part A and Section C (Waste Analysis Plan) lists a limited number of characteristic waste codes: D001, D002 and D004-D011. Organic characteristic codes are not included.

The PSNS & IMF Site Identification at available at

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/hwsearch/SiteIdentificationView.aspx> , shows the facility manages a wide variety of characteristic wastes.

The Site Identification Form indicates the following "D" codes (above D011):

D014,D018,D019,D021,D022,D023,D026,D027,D028,D029,D032,D035,D039,D040, D043.

40 CFR 268.50(b) indicates in part, "An owner/operator of a treatment , storage or disposal facility may store such wastes for up to one year unless the Agency can demonstrate that such storage was not solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of hazardous waste as are necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment , or disposal ." This provision also minimizes the shipments of hazardous waste on public highways. Shipments of hazardous waste on public highways should be kept to a minimum.

If PSNS were to encounter a waste with a dangerous waste code other than those listed in the Part A or Section C, it could not be stored in the MWSF necessitating a shipment to an off-site TSDF within 90 days of the Accumulation Start Date. The questions below are based on this consideration.

Question/Comment:

- a) Should other characteristic codes, listed in the Site Identification Form, be included in the Part A and Section C? (The management provisions in Section D would appear to accommodate these types of wastes so, including other potential characteristic codes seems reasonable).
- b) Should the permit have all the same codes as listed in the Site Identification Form (listed and characteristic)?

Response to I-2-4

4a) Characteristic waste codes listed in the Site Identification Form include wastes generated across the entire PSNS & IMF site and are managed according to generator requirements.

4b) The permit will not have all the same codes as listed in the Site Identification Form.

Comment I-2-5

5) C - Surrogate Analysis:

Section C discusses the use of non-radioactive sample materials that are identical to the waste to be generated.

Question/Comment:

- a) Radioactive Samples: Does the current permit language allow the facility to analyze radioactive samples when a non-radioactive surrogate cannot be obtained? What if an unknown radioactive waste was encountered and no identifiable surrogate material was available for analysis?
- b) Sample Size: The Joint NRC/EPA guidance on testing of mixed waste authorizes use of a TCLP sample size smaller than specified in SW-846 Method 1311. If only a radioactive sample is available for analysis, can PSNS utilize a smaller sample size provided the conditions of the Joint NRC/EPA guidance can be satisfied? Would this allowance need to be specified in Section C of the permit or may this allowance be used by virtue that this guidance has been published in the federal register?

Response to I-2-5

5a) *The current permit language does not allow the facility to analyze radioactive samples when a non-radioactive surrogate cannot be obtained. The MWSF does not accept unknown waste. If PSNS & IMF encountered an unknown radioactive waste, they would manage it as a newly generated waste and characterize it according to generator requirements.*

5b) *Please see above response. This allowance is not applicable to activities authorized under this permit.*

Comment I-2-6

6) D-Process Information :

On page D.8, it states in part, "PSNS & IMF can store small quantities of wastes that contain chemicals listed in Table D-2 in the MWSF if the wastes have compatible separate secondary containment, ensuring that the coating and future coating will not contact incompatible waste in the facility"

Question/Comment:

Is there a specific limitation of "small quantities" (e.g. <30-gallons) or may the facility make that determination based on generation rates?

Response to I-2-6

6) *Ecology will revise the permit to specify that Addendum D, Process Information, Table D-2, "Small quantities" will be less than 30 gallons.*

Comment I-2-7

7) F-Procedures to Prevent Hazards

This section discusses the "Decontamination Shower". Inspection of the "Decontamination Shower" is also an attribute in the inspection record form. Review of the as-built drawings indicates plumbing for an "Emergency Eyewash and Shower Station" (see NAVFAC drawing 8028202).

Question/Comment:

Should the "Decontamination Shower" be more accurately described as the "Emergency Eyewash and Shower Station"?

Response to I-2-7

7) *Ecology will revise "Decontamination Shower" to "Emergency Eyewash and Shower Station".*

Comment I-2-8

8) J-Other Laws

Question/Comment:

Should environmentally related Executive Orders be included? For example, EOs 13148, 13423 and 13514. If applicable, would these need to specifically encompass mixed waste issues?

References:

As references, I found DoD Instruction 4715.7, Environmental Management Systems.
<https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/471517p.pdf?ver=2017-11-16-120744-843>

Also, the DoD Compliance Management Plan.

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/ems/guidance/general-information/dod-compliance-management-plan-in-response-to-the-environmental-compliance-management-improvement-initiative-of-the-president-s-management-council/DoD-CMP-November-2009.pdf>

Additional information is available at this site:

<https://www.fedcenter.gov/programs/compliance/>

Response to I-2-8

8) Executive Orders are not included in Dangerous Waste Permits.

Comment I-2-9

9) SEPA:

I could not locate a copy of the DNS on the public comment website.

Question/Comment:

Is posting of the DNS required during the public comment period along with the other permit documents? If so, is collection of public comments on this document required?

Response to I-2-9

9) The public comment period for the DNS corresponded with the public comment period for this permit. The DNS is hosted on the SEPA register website.

Comment I-2-10

10) Facility Mailing List:

I wish to be added to the facility mailing list for this project.

Response to I-2-10

10) Ecology has added you to the facility mailing list.

Appendix A. Copies of All Public Notices

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- Public comment period Aug. 16 - Sept. 30, 2021
- Several changes since the 2006 renewal

Public comment invited

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites the public to comment on the draft Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility's (PSNS & IMF's) Mixed Waste Storage Facility (MWSF) Dangerous Waste permit renewal.

The permittees are:

United States Department of the Navy (Owner)
 1400 Farragut Ave.
 Bremerton, WA 98314-2088

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (Operator)
 1400 Farragut Ave.
 Bremerton, WA 98314-2088

Overview of the MWSF

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- It is constructed to handle the combined weight of all stored containers and operating equipment.
- It acts as secondary containment for non-ignitable wastes (ignitable waste discussed below).
- It is designed so all portions of the floor slope to the middle where a blind sump is located, and it has a berm around its outer edges.
- The floor surface is coated with chemically resistant material to protect the concrete and prevent infiltration or absorption of any waste spills. This coating is compatible with all waste types in storage in the building.

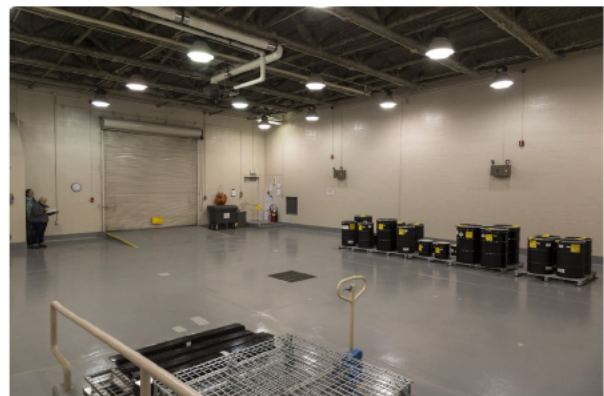


Figure 1 Interior of MWSF

Overview of waste analysis

Wastes acceptable for storage at the MWSF include those exhibiting ignitability, corrosivity, and toxicity characteristics. This includes small amounts of flammable liquids, heavy metals, spent solvents, state listed hazardous wastes, and state listed PCB wastes.

PSNS & IMF is required to ensure that all wastes are compatible with the containers and containment systems they are stored in. All wastes stored in the same containment system inside the MWSF must be compatible with each other.

Overview of container management

PSNS & IMF personnel are required to maintain the following safe container management practices at the MWSF:

- Containers are in good condition and are kept closed when not in use.
- All containers are stored in a sealed, compatible secondary containment system to contain any spills that may occur.
- All containers are clearly marked to show the identification and hazards of the waste and date of storage of the container.
- PSNS & IMF personnel perform weekly inspections to ensure proper storage of containers in the MWSF.
- PSNS & IMF personnel involved with managing MWSF mixed waste are trained to perform their jobs.



Figure 2 Example of typical contents of a container placed in the MWSF

Overview of security and emergency preparedness

The PSNS & IMF site is surrounded by layers of fencing and points of access control. Access gates are manned, and the entire site is under 24-hour surveillance. The MWSF itself is a windowless building with locked doors. Hazard signs are placed at all entrances. PSNS & IMF has a contingency plan in place to respond to leaks, spills, fires, or any identified hazard affecting the MWSF. The MWSF is equipped with alarms and emergency equipment to alert personnel of danger and allow response to any hazards.

Overview of closure

PSNS & IMF has a closure plan in place to close the MWSF. The closure plan includes a schedule for closure and an estimated date of closure set for 2055. The date of closure is based on the expected length of time it will be needed for storage of PSNS & IMF generated mixed waste.

Closure procedures include removal of all mixed waste containers; decontamination of surfaces and equipment; sampling, if necessary, in areas where spills have occurred; and a final IQRPE inspection and report. Ecology uses this report as part of our review to determine if clean closure has been met.

Overview of changes from 2006 permit

The permittees plan changes to MWSF related to storage capacities, acceptable waste codes, emergency equipment, and planned closure activities. These changes will be included in the permit renewal:

- The maximum storage capacity configurations for the MWSF have been reduced to allow aisle spacing requirements to be met for all containers in storage.
- PSNS & IMF will store containers with ignitable waste in a separate storage cabinet designed for that type of waste. This ensures separation and segregation requirements can be met for incompatible wastes.
- The fire alarm control system has been upgraded and moved inside the MWSF.

- Sampling activities will not be needed for clean closure of the MWSF as long as the PSNS & IMF operating record demonstrates that no spills have occurred in the MWSF and that PSNS & IMF have maintained the MWSF floor coating throughout the operating life of the facility.
- Waste streams are identified through generator process knowledge instead of sampling.
- PSNS will use surrogate sampling to confirm the designation of waste streams when necessary.



Figure 3 Exterior of MWSF

Reviewing the proposed changes

Ecology invites you to review and comment on this draft permit for the PSNS & IMF MWSF. See page 1 for comment period dates and information on how to submit comments.

Copies of the application for the proposed permit and supporting documentation will be available during the public comment period online at Ecology's website at Ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Nuclear-waste/Public-comment-periods. The documents will also be available at the PSNS & IMF information repositories listed below.

Ecology will consider and respond to all significant comments received during the public comment period. We will document our responses and issue a response to comments document when we make our final permitting decision.

PSNS & IMF Information Repositories and Document Review Locations

Ecology Nuclear Waste Program
Resource Center
3100 Port of Benton Blvd.
Richland, WA 99354

Downtown Bremerton
Kitsap Regional Library
612 5th St.
Bremerton, WA 98337
360-377-3955

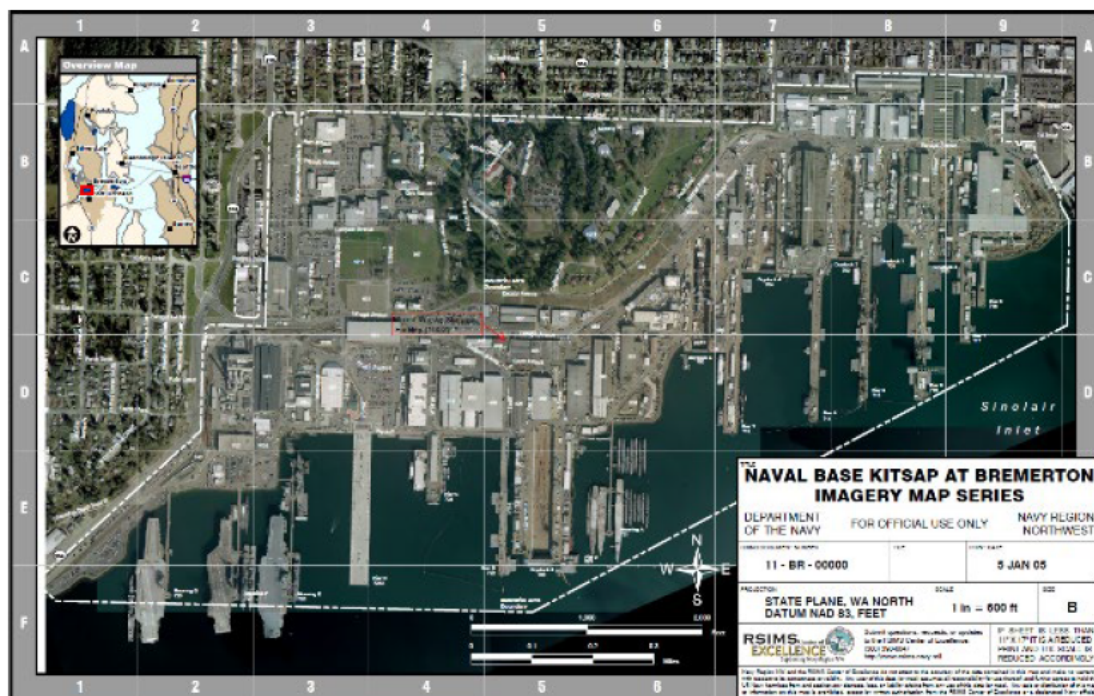


Figure 4 Satellite Map of the PSNS & IMF showing the location of the MWSF from the 2006 Permit



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PSNS and IMF permit renewal

Public comment period Aug. 16 – Sept. 30. 2021

Electronic submission (preferred):
[PSNS and IMF permit renewal](#)

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A public hearing is not scheduled, but if there is enough interest, we will consider holding one. To request a hearing or for more information, contact:

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To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 509 372 7950, email at Daina.McFadden@ecy.wa.gov, or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877 833 6341.

Obituaries

Cynthia J. Bear
 May 28, 1972 - August 7, 2021



Heritage College and later completed her Master's Degree. Cyndi taught Spanish for 21 years in the Tri-Cities, mostly at Kamiakin where she became a dedicated Brave.

In 2006, Cyndi was married to Walter Scott Bear in the Grand Cayman Islands. They have two boys, Axel and Harlen, who gave her great joy.

Cyndi worked hard, loved life and loved to have good times!! She never passed up the opportunity to karaoke. Cyndi looked forward to girl trips with friends and many family trips. Her favorite was camping with family and friends riding her orange "Mama Bear" razor. Painting gave her much peace in the last couple of years, especially when her boys joined her.

Cyndi is survived by her husband Walter Scott Bear, children Axel and Harlen Bear, parents Bob and Deena Stallings, brother Boe (Bobbie), their children Bode and Brock Stallings, and many wonderful caring and very special cousins, aunts and uncles.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, August 21 at 10 o'clock at Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Kennewick. Reception to follow at the Moose Lodge, 2617 W. Sylvester St., Pasco.

The family invites you to sign their online guest book at www.muellersfuneralhomes.com.

Kennewick, Washington - Cynthia (Cyndi) Bear passed away peacefully at her home August 7, 2021 surrounded by lots of love. Cynthia Joyce Stallings was born May 28, 1972 to Robert Stallings Junior and Deena (Burns) Stallings. She grew up in Pasco and graduated from Pasco High in 1990. Cyndi was very creative, energetic and always on the move. She enjoyed playing sports, music, photography and most anything involving arts and crafts. Raising steers and working with her two horses for 4-H and FFA were important to her. Cyndi was very involved in the Grange which included the camping program. She was a camper, counselor, later became a leader and co-director of Wooten Jr. Grange Camp.

After graduation, Cyndi finished her cosmetology certification through the Tri-Tech program, attended CBC, the University of Guadalajara in Mexico, CWU, graduated in education from

Constance "Connie" Sue Buckley
 December 22, 1942 - August 11, 2021



school in Selah. She retired in 2007 after positively impacting the lives of hundred of kids in her community. Her greatest impact, however, was on the family that she adored.

A faithful follower of Christ's teachings, she began and ended each day in prayer, and lent her voice only to positive comments about others. She valued nothing more than her family and friends, many of whom will cherish the memory of her frequent, sometimes silly, and always joyous laughter.

Connie and Joe served as deacons at Grace of Christ Presbyterian Church in Yakima. She enjoyed traveling, quilting, a good margarita, and especially spending time at her wooded cabin in Packwood, Washington.

A family gravesite service will be held on August 18, 2021 at Desert Lawn Cemetery in Kennewick. Her life will be celebrated publically at 1:00 PM on October 2, 2021 at Grace of Christ Presbyterian Church in Yakima. Kind donations can be sent in Connie's memory to Camp Ghormley, 640 Lost Lake Road, Naches, WA 98937. More information and memories will be uploaded to bit.ly/2VTGBrx.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.keithandkeith.com.

Selah, Washington - Constance "Connie" Sue Buckley passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of August 11, 2021. She was 78 and surrounded by her immediate family at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle.

The only child of Charles and Eleanor Morbeck, Connie was born in Spokane and raised in Kennewick. She was a graduate of Kennewick High School, a former rodeo princess, and was crowned Miss Kennewick in 1960.

Her devoted husband of 58 years, Joe Buckley of Selah, and daughters Stephanie Eisert (Clark) of Sherwood, Oregon, and Andrea Sperry (Chris) of Vancouver, Washington, survive. In addition, she leaves behind five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

After prioritizing the young lives of her own children, Connie enjoyed a long career teaching elementary

Kathleen M Lamb
 March 14, 1962 - July 31, 2021



When Kathy left the Air Force she went on to experience extraordinary careers including office manager, cruise ship cocktail waitress on the Great Lakes, bartender in Tri-Cities, certified Radiological Technician employed at the Hanford Site and then felt privileged to inspire and encourage the developmentally disabled in Montana. Kathy was a believer in Christ and it shone through her kindness and compassion. She was blessed with five beautiful children, Shekinah, Tarah, Kristah, Sophiah and Larry, as well as five delightful grandchildren, Ryan, Michael, Leonard, Emmanuel and Poppy. She adored family and friends, regardless of who you were, she loved you just the same.

She is survived by all her children, grandchildren, Mother Shirley and Sister Brenda. She was preceded by her Father Robert M Lamb and Brother Robert E Lamb. She will be greatly missed.

Louisville, Kentucky - Kathleen Marcy Lamb (Lavalley, Lathan), 59, passed away peacefully in Louisville, Kentucky on July 31, 2021. She was born on March 14, 1962 to Robert and Shirley in Cheyenne, Wyoming at Warren E Air Force base where her father was serving. The oldest of three, Kathleen went on to serve in the Air Force after attending Kamiakin High School, class of 1979 in Kennewick, Washington and after the devastating loss of her Father.

Barbara Lynn (Billingsley) Harper
 July 22, 1948 - July 28, 2021



West Richland, Washington - Barbara Lynn Harper left this world as she lived it, with grace and purpose, on July 28, 2021 in University Place, Washington.

Barbara was born July 22, 1948 in Troy, New York to Frederic Crockett Billingsley and Evelyn Owen Billingsley. Barb's father worked for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA) in Pasadena, California where Barb graduated from high school in 1966. Barb graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles in 1970, received her Ph.D. from University of Texas in Austin in Zoology and Genetics in 1974, and was designated as a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology in 1989. Barb's career took her all over the country, moving from Galveston, Texas to Hershey, Pennsylvania, and ultimately to the Tri-Cities. Barb and her sons settled in West Richland in 1993.

Barbara's professional work was in providing consulting services to tribal governments throughout the United States, working in the formation of a Superfund working group aligning with the National Tribal Environmental Council. She fought to educate the Environmental Protection Agency on tribal traditional hunting, fishing, and gathering rights reserved for those tribes via Treaty or executive order.

Barb was also a prolific writer who published over 40 peer reviewed journal articles, hundreds of technical reports and was involved in numerous committees or boards. She was clearly the world's foremost expert in assessing human health risk to Native American populations.

Aside from her professional life, Barb was a mother, grandmother, sister, friend, confidante, champion, and partner. She was an artist and a naturalist. Whatever Barb decided she would do, she excelled at. She was a musician, basket weaver, painter, jeweler, and gardener. She was a historian, conversationalist, traveler, and caretaker for all living creatures (people, animals, and plants).

Barb is preceded in death by her parents and her former husband Stan. Barb is missed by many, especially her sons Mark and Scott, Mark's wife Jenni (Burnett) Harper; Scott's wife Danielle (Norris) Harper; sister Gail and husband Bob Morris; brother Owen and wife Margaret Billingsley; grandchildren Stephen, Evelyn, Kennedy, Nelson and Corrina Jane; Jenni's children Margo, Calvin and Anna Cady; and the extended Harper, Norris and Burnett families. Barbara's family would also like to acknowledge the love and friendship from the Stuart and Debbie Harris family and their children: Katie and Jackson Murphy, Anna Harris and Mary Harris - you all meant so much to her; Fred Kirschner, her business partner and close friend; and especially John Hughey for the steadfast love, support, and companionship shared with Barbara through these past years. Barb had many friends and we apologize if we missed you; we know she wouldn't have.

Michael R. Pemberton
 April 22, 1955 - July 30, 2021



Kennewick, Washington - Michael (Mike) Ray Pemberton, age 66, of Kennewick, Washington went to be with his Lord on July 30th, 2021 due to COVID-19.

Mike was born in Roseburg, Oregon as the third of four children to Donald and Katherine Pemberton. Mike graduated from Nampa Christian High School, in 1973. He married the love of his life, Julie, in 1977. Together they had five children David, MacKenzie, Kathryn, Taylor, and Rande. Mike was a State Farm agent for 41 years, 38 of which were

spent in Tri-Cities, Washington.

Mike was a devout Christian always seeking to spread the good news of Christ through his actions and words. He was a loving husband and father and was over-the-moon excited to welcome his first grandchild at the age of 52. Mike loved to have fun and also loved to make people laugh and was good at it.

He is preceded in death by his father - Donald Pemberton, and in-laws - Keith and Della Jane Taylor. He is survived by his wife, five children, their spouses, and eleven grandchildren, mother, two brothers, sister, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

His full obituary can be found at <https://www.sunsetgardentricities.com/obituaries/>.

A celebration of life will be held on August 21st, 2021 at 2 pm at Bethel Church, 600 Shockley Rd., Richland, WA 99352.

Leona Tucker
 March 31, 1947 - August 6, 2021



Kennewick, Washington - Leona Marie Tucker (Oney), 74, passed away surrounded by family on August 6, 2021. Leona was born in Missoula Montana on March 31, 1947, to Louis and Iris Banks.

The family moved to Yakima WA in 1949, then to Moses Lake WA in 1955. Leona married Lyle Cloutier and moved to Renton Washington where their daughter Ann was born. Leona moved to Tri-Cities in 1966 and she worked as the executive secretary for the Kennewick City Manager. In 1980 Leona married John Tucker and began helping him run his business 3 Rivers Potatoes. After they sold that, Leona decided to open her own business Records Management Services. This grew into a thriving business, which she later sold to Columbia Industries and enjoyed retirement with John. Leona was an active member

of the community including Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and several records management organizations. Throughout the years and in their retirement, they loved golfing, traveling abroad, also seeing the country in their motorhome, entertaining family and friends, and being grandparents and great grandparents to Ella and Smith.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband John Tucker. She is survived by her daughter Ann and husband Yvan Fillion. Her grandchildren Alex and Allie Peterson, Ryan and Alyssa Peterson, and Emily Peterson. Her 3 older brothers preceded her in death: Louis, Mike, and Pat Banks. Leona is survived by her sister Mary Ann Elieff.

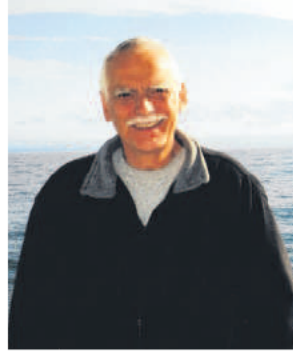
The family will be doing a celebration of life on the coast where they vacationed since she was young.

Those who knew Oney know she was onery as ever and loved to laugh. She fought a battle with Alzheimer's for about 11 years and did so with dignity and grace.

Oney leaves this world wanting you to behave, and she'll try.

If you would like to join family and friends to share a toast to Oney one last time, please meet us at Zintel Creek; The Edge Steakhouse on August 21st at 5 pm. It will be a no-host bar.

LeRoi Rice
 June 19, 1936 - August 10, 2021



Richland, Washington - LeRoi Herbert Rice, Richland, ended his long journey on this earth August 10, 2021. He was 85 years old. His death came two days before the sixtieth anniversary of his wedding to his wife, Eleanor.

LeRoi was born on June 19, 1936, in Portland, Oregon, to Lorenzo and Viola Rice. In 1942, Lorenzo moved the family to Butte, Montana to pursue a job with a credit company. The time in Butte was short, as the potential to be drafted loomed and Lorenzo was eager to get the family back to Portland. Butte was formative for LeRoi, though - his fascination with rocks and mining ran deep long after that short time in a mining town. LeRoi began collecting rocks as a kid, and then completed a metallurgical engineering degree at the Colorado School of Mines.

In 1960, LeRoi met the love of his life when he was hired at Oregon Metallurgical in Albany, OR where Eleanor Mitchell worked. She was looking for someone "Tall, Dark and Handsome," and he fit the bill, in spades. They married soon after, in 1961. In 1963, Eleanor and LeRoi moved to Richland, Washington, where LeRoi began his long career out at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, working first for General Electric and later for Westinghouse. They had four children in quick succession - Dan, Steve, Mark, and Karen.

In the early 1980s, LeRoi became one of the first ordained deacons in Christ the King Parish. A couple years later, he completed a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Gonzaga University. Soon after that, he left his career at Westinghouse and served as the Director of Religious Education for Christ the King until his retirement. In his role as deacon for Christ the King, LeRoi officiated over numerous baptisms and weddings, becoming part of these rites of passage for countless CK families.

LeRoi was most in his element when he was off camping with the family, walking by the river, or pursuing a newfound interest in woodworking. He was a lover of quiet beauty. He never grew tired of simple things like watching aspen leaves in the wind or studying the sun-dappled play of dark and light cast by the trees. These things brought him immense peace as his Alzheimer's disease progressed.

LeRoi and Eleanor shared a long, deep and inspiring love for each other. He was fond of singing along with her, "I love you a bushel and a peck, a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck..." In addition to Eleanor, he is survived by his four children-Daniel (Tracey), Stephen (Jacqui), Mark (Anne), and Karen--along with seven grandchildren (Kristin, Kelsey, Sophie, Max, Hudson, Lily, Silas), four great grandchildren (Dominic, Isaac, Monica, William), and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held Saturday, August 21 at 11:00 AM at Christ the King Church in Richland. Due to the current escalation of COVID in the Tri Cities, masks are required for everyone attending. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Alzheimer's Association, or Christ the King Church.

Jeffrey Arbogast
 July 7, 1948 - July 31, 2021

Kennewick, Washington - Jeffrey Lee Arbogast, or Arbo as he was known, was born July 7, 1948 to parents Virgil and Thelma Arbogast. After graduating Pasco High School, Jeff enlisted in the US Navy serving aboard the USS Duluth in Vietnam. He was a retired pipe fitter out of local 598 in Pasco. Jeff was preceded in death by his wife Christine Stredwick Arbogast. He is survived by his two brothers Greg and Doug, his step daughter Michelle Whitney, his sister in laws, nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Christine Bailey
 September 20, 1942 - August 7, 2021



Richland, Washington - Chris was born in 1942 to Harold & Opal Barden in Pontiac Michigan. She was the second of five children who eventually settled in Lancaster, California. In February 1962 she married the love of her life, Don, and they enjoyed 60 wonderful years together. After retiring from Hanford, she served in many capacities including President of Master Gardeners and enriched the community through hundreds of volunteer hours. She had deep and lasting friendships and loved her family well. She will be greatly missed by us all. She is survived by husband Donald; daughters Deb Severin and Diane Bailey; grandchildren Nicole Cartillar, Steven Severin, Ciara Orrell and Gjovani Ndoj; great-grandchildren Connor Perryman and Riley Leidel, and sisters Carol Barden and Connie Anderson. She is preceded in death by beloved granddaughter Valerie Cartillar-Ndoj. Chris bravely fought cancer and endeared herself to all the healthcare workers who served her, with her kindness and gratitude. She had an indomitable spirit that inspired all who knew her. Einar's at Sunset Gardens will be assisting the family with a private service.

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What changes are being proposed?

The permittees plan changes to the MWSF related to storage capacities, acceptable waste codes, emergency equipment, and planned closure activities. These changes will be included in the permit renewal:


- The maximum storage capacity configurations for the MWSF have been reduced to allow aisle spacing requirements to be met for all containers in storage.
- PSNS & IMF will store containers with ignitable waste in a separate storage cabinet designed for that type of waste. This ensures separation and segregation requirements can be met for incompatible wastes.
- The fire alarm control system has been upgraded and moved inside the MWSF.
- Sampling activities will not be needed for clean closure of the MWSF as long as the PSNS & IMF operating record demonstrates that no spills have occurred in the MWSF and that PSNS & IMF have maintained the MWSF floor coating throughout the operating life of the facility.
- Waste streams are identified through generator process knowledge instead of sampling.
- PSNS will use surrogate sampling to confirm the designation of waste streams when necessary.

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