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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Final Issuance of the Washington State Department of Ecology Water Treatment Plant
General Permit**

Permit Issuance

The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) General Permit, issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on June 16, 2004, expired on July 15, 2009. Ecology reissued the general permit, with minor changes on July 15, 2009. The effective date of the permit is September 1, 2009.

Purpose of the Permit

The WTP General Permit is a statewide permit providing permit coverage for 32 water treatment plants. Water treatment plants under this permit treat water through filtration processes producing a finished water for drinking or for industrial activities. The filtration process removes silt, organics, microorganisms, and other impurities, trapping this material in the filter. Periodically, plant operators back-flush filters to remove the trapped material and restore filtration capacity. Other wastewaters are generated through routine cleaning. Treatment plants typically treat these wastewaters using settling basins. Potential pollutants include fine silt, and trace amounts of organics, microorganisms, additives and other impurities removed during filtration as well as additives. Additives may include chlorine, chemicals to adjust pH, and chemicals that enhance the removal of impurities in the water.

Public Notice Process

Ecology accepted written and oral comments on the draft WTP General Permit, fact sheet, and fact sheet addendum from May 6, 2009, through June 9, 2009. Ecology hosted a public hearing on the draft general permit in Lacey, Washington on June 8, 2009. Ecology received no public comments on the draft permit or associated documents.

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Applying for Coverage

Facilities covered under the existing WTP General Permit are automatically covered under the reissued permit. New or unpermitted facilities may obtain coverage under the general permit by submitting a complete permit application to Ecology and satisfying all applicable public notice and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements (WAC 173-226-200). The application is available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/wtp/index.html>.

Requesting Copies of the Permit

You may download copies of the permit and associated documents from the website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/wtp/index.html>. You may request copies from: Julie Robertson at 360-407-6575 or by e-mail at jrob461@ecy.wa.gov.

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Appeal Options

The terms and conditions of this general permit may be appealed only by filing an appeal to the Pollution Control Hearings Board and by serving it upon Ecology at the addresses below. Appeals of the general permit must be made within 30 days of issuance or receipt, whichever is later [see chapter 43.21B Revised Code of Washington (RCW)]. The procedures and requirements for the appeal process are contained in RCW 43.21B.310. An appeal must be filed with:

Pollution Control Hearings Board
P.O. Box 40903
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

The terms and conditions of a general permit, as they apply to an individual discharger, are also appealable within 30 days of the effective date of coverage of that discharger, in accordance with chapter 43.21B RCW. This appeal is limited to the general permit's applicability or non-applicability to a specific discharger.