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PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing the Draft Winery General Permit for Review and Comment

Proposed Permit

Under the authority of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to issue the Winery State Waste Discharge General Permit (permit) to establish waste management practices for winemaking facilities to prevent pollution and protect waters of the state. The proposed permit conditionally authorizes discharges of winery process wastewater to land, ground water, and wastewater treatment plants.

State water quality statutes and regulations do not allow the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state without permit coverage. Winery process wastewater has characteristics that could potentially negatively impact groundwater quality, and therefore require a discharge permit before being discharged. When the permitted activities are similar, Ecology issues a general permit in place of a series of individual permits.

Ecology will accept comments from the public on the proposed permit and supporting documents from 9:00 a.m. on November 1, 2017 until **11:59 p.m. on February 14, 2018**.

Purpose of the Permit

The purpose of the proposed permit is to control the discharge of pollutants in winery process wastewater to land, ground water, and wastewater treatment plants. No surface water discharges are allowed under the proposed permit. Coverage under the proposed permit will be available to facilities that discharge winery process wastewater to one or more of the discharge methods described in the permit.

Copies of the Draft Permit

The draft permit, fact sheet, and other supporting documents are available on the following webpage.
www.ecology.wa.gov/winerypermit

Additionally, you may request copies of documents from Stacey Callaway at:

Stacey.Callaway@ecy.wa.gov

(360) 407-7118.

Workshop and Public Hearing

The purpose of the workshop is to explain the general permit and to answer questions prior to the formal public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for people to give formal oral testimony and comments on the proposed draft permit. Written comments will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. The public hearing will begin immediately following the public workshop and will conclude when public testimony is complete.

Wednesday January 24, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Ecology is offering this hearing via webinar¹. To join the webinar, click on the following link for more information and instructions.

[Register for the morning webinar](#)

Wednesday January 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Ecology is offering this hearing via webinar¹. To join the webinar, click on the following link for more information and instructions.

[Register for the evening webinar](#)

Tuesday January 30, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Benton County PUD - Prosser
250 Gap Rd
Prosser, WA 99336

Friday February 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Bellevue, WA 98006

Submitting Written Comments

Ecology will accept written comments on the draft permit, fact sheet, and supporting documentation until **11:59 p.m. on February 14, 2018**. Ecology prefers comments be submitted through the comment form on the permit webpage. Comments should reference specific permit text when possible.

Submit comments:

- **Online via the e-Comment form:** <http://ws.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=A5JiF>
- **By mail:**
Stacey Callaway, Washington State Department of Ecology
PO Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

Issuing the Permit

The final decision on permit issuance will be made after Ecology receives and considers all public comments. If public comments cause a substantial change in the permit conditions from the original draft permit, another public notice of draft and comment period may ensue. Ecology expects to issue the general permit in the summer of 2018.

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If you need special accommodation or documents in alternative formats, please contact Ecology facility coordinator Hannah Waterstrat at 360-407-7668 or 877-833-6341.

¹ Webinars are an online meeting forum that you can attend from any computer using internet access.