Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control General Permit
Public Listening Sessions

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- Combined National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit.
- Covers aquatic pesticide treatments in irrigation canals that discharge to waters of the state.
Permit Reissuance Timeline

August 2021: Public Listening Sessions

Fall 2021: Draft Permit and Draft EIS released

Spring 2022: Final Permit and Final EIS decision
Proposed Changes to the 2022 Permit

An overview of some proposed changes to the 2022 reissued permit
Reporting Requirements

- Digital reporting requirement.
- Deadline for treatment notice is one business day.
- Permittees must notify public of treatment dates.
Reduced Monitoring Plans

- New language to explain how to qualify for and maintain a reduced monitoring plan.
Treatment Timing Windows

- Refer to WDFW map tool.
- Public comment period for modified timing windows.
- Ecology is the primary contact:
  - aquaticpesticideperm@ecy.wa.gov
WDFW timing window map tool: https://tinyurl.com/y5k7q23p
Treatment Notice Signs

- New treatment notice signs may require pictograms.
- This guidance is still in development.
Adjuvants

- Adjuvants will be allowed in this version of the permit.
- Current list of adjuvants is available in the 2021 APAM Permit.
Acrolein

- **Potential** new acrolein treatment conditions; under consideration.
- Aiming to reduce or eliminate holding times for acrolein within the canal.
- Point of Compliance for acrolein would move outside the canal for some treatments.
Education and Outreach

- Permittees will develop education and outreach plans for local community.
- Permittees may work together to reduce costs.
Fish Exclusion

- Permittees must include fish screens and exclusion devices in general maintenance plans.
Permittees will sample for hardness.

Hardness data will be incorporated into permit conditions in the second year of the permit cycle.

Seeking opinions/suggestions on sampling timeline.
Permit Organization

- Updated the layout of the permit.
- Permit and fact sheet will be more like other aquatic pesticide permits.
Implementation Schedule

- Some reporting and planning requirements will be delayed.
- Permittees will have time to develop plans.
- Suggestions?
Questions?

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