

# MINT FARM GENERATING STATION – PUGET SOUND ENERGY

## NPDES Permit WA0039641

### Supplemental Fact Sheet

November 24, 2015

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Mint Farm Generating Station on June 4, 2015. On June 10, 2015, Ecology made a minor modification to the Mint Farm Generating Station NPDES permit to correct typographical errors. Mint Farm Generating Station has identified and requested additional NPDES permit modifications.

This supplemental fact sheet explains and documents the decisions Ecology has made in drafting the modifications to the NPDES permit for Mint Farm Generating Station. Ecology makes the draft permit modification and supplemental fact sheet available for public review and comment at least thirty (30) days before issuing the final permit modification. Copies of the draft permit modification and supplemental fact sheet for Mint Farm Generating Station NPDES permit WA 0039641 are available for public review and comment from November 24, 2015 until December 24, 2015.

### PROPOSED PERMIT CHANGES

1. *Sample Type Change – 24-hour composite to grab sampling*

Ecology previously required 24-hour composite sampling for chromium, zinc, cyanide, priority pollutant metals, priority pollutant acid-extractable compounds, priority pollutant base-neutral compounds, dioxin, pesticides, PCBs, and whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing. Mint Farm Generating Station is operated on an intermittent basis when additional electricity is needed. The intermittent operation makes 24-hour composite sampling difficult. Because the wastewater generated from Mint Farm Generating Station is cycled multiple times through the cooling tower, the wastewater is homogeneous. Ecology has determined that grab samples will be sufficient to ensure that the samples are representative of the wastewater effluent. These changes can be found in Special Condition S.2A of the permit.

2. *Industrial Stormwater General Permit Reference Update*

Ecology previously included references to the 2012 *Industrial Stormwater General Permit* (ISGP). The ISGP has since been revised. Ecology has updated the references in the NPDES permit to reflect the most recent version of the ISGP.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

Ecology has tentatively determined to modify the NPDES permit for Mint Farm Generating Station. Ecology will publish a Public Notice of Draft (PNOD) on November 24, 2015 in *The Daily News* and November 27, 2015 in *tú Decides* to inform the public that a revised draft permit and fact sheet are available for review.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed changes to the draft permit. The revised draft permit, supplemental fact sheet, and related documents are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, by appointment, at the Ecology offices listed below.

Department of Ecology  
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Documents are also available at the Longview public library and online at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/industrial/UIPermit/DraftPermits.aspx>.

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Comments should reference specific text followed by the requested change or concern when possible. **Ecology will only consider comments that pertain to the proposed permit changes.**

Ecology will consider all comments received within thirty (30) days from the date of public notice of the draft indicated above, in formulating a final determination to revise and reissue the permit. The Department's response to all significant comments is available upon request and will be mailed directly to people expressing an interest in this permit.

Further information may be obtained from the Department by telephone at (360) 407-7563 or by writing to the address listed above.

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

No comments received during the comment period.

