

Boise White Paper, LLC

Opportunity to comment

The Department of Ecology invites you to comment on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Boise White Paper in Wallula.

We intend to issue this permit. We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail November 3 – December 5, 2011. You may request a public hearing to ask questions or submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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If we determine there is significant public interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will:

- Extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice of the hearing.
- Publish the time, date and location.

Permit

Changes to the permit include:

- Modification of dilution ratios.
- Increased effluent allowance for biological oxygen demand (BOD5) and total suspended solids (TSS).
- Reduction in adsorbable organic halides (AOX) and chloroform limits.

More information on these changes is found in the associated fact sheet.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

November 3 – December 5, 2011

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Mid-Columbia Library
Kennewick Branch
1620 S Union Street
Kennewick, WA 99336

Dept of Ecology
Industrial Section
300 Desmond Way SE
Lacey, WA 98504

Online at:
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/industry/proposed.asp>

Send comments to:

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Special accommodations

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A NPDES permit is normally issued every five years. It:

- Sets limits on the kinds, amounts and concentrations of pollutants a facility may release.
- Requires a facility to measure, test and report its pollutants.
- Prescribes “best management practices”.
- Defines the pollution control standards applied.

Public comment allows you to:

- Tell us how well the proposed permit protects receiving water.
- Suggest changes to limits, conditions and requirements.
- Comment on our determination of compliance with antidegradation rules.

When the comment period ends, we review all comments received and make appropriate changes to the permit before issuing it.

Facility information

Boise Inc. operates a kraft pulp and paper mill and corrugated container plant on the east bank of the Columbia River, approximately 15 miles southeast of Pasco, Washington and approximately 2 miles north of Wallula, Washington, on state highway 12. Wastewater is discharged to the Columbia River.

Employing about 400 people, the mill produces approximately 1600 tons of bleached paper, fine, coated paper and corrugating medium each day. The container plant employs an additional 155 people and produces about 5.2 million square feet of corrugated boxes each day.