

Weyerhaeuser, Longview

Opportunity to comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Weyerhaeuser NR Company Longview pulp and paper mill.

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail November 18, 2013 - December 19, 2013. You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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If we determine there is significant 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

Weyerhaeuser NR Company operates a pulp and paper mill that discharges wastewater to the Columbia River and Longview ditch system. Under state and federal law, a NPDES permit is required to discharge this wastewater.

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.”
- Sets other legal conditions necessary to discharge wastewater.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

November 18, 2013 –
December 19, 2013

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Longview Public Library
1600 Louisiana Street
Longview, WA 98632

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_eyerlong.html

Submit written comments to:

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Special accommodations

If you require special accommodations or need this document in a version for the visually impaired, call the Waste 2 Resources program at (360) 407-6900.

Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

Weyerhaeuser's permit was last issued in 2004. Changes to the permit include:

- Addition of a:
 - Stormwater pollution prevention plan.
 - Water supply plant discharge treatment option and an outfall 003 and 004 “All Known and Reasonable Technology” (AKART) analysis.
 - Cooling water intake report.
 - Sediment sampling and analysis report.
- Changes to the whole toxicity effluent (WET) testing schedule.
- New or adjusted effluent limits at some outfalls.
- New benchmarks for stormwater discharges at various locations.
- Switch from paper to electronic reporting.

The permit fact sheet contains more information on these changes.

Effective comments:

- Tell us how well, based on current laws, rules and regulations, the proposed permit protects receiving water.
- Provide input on limits, conditions and requirements.
- Let us know if you think we made errors interpreting state and federal permitting requirements.
- Are specific. Tell us specifically what your concern is and how you think the permit should be changed.

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

Facility description

The mill site is located at 3401 Industrial Way in Longview. It includes a Kraft pulp mill, liquid packaging paper machine, extruder operation, saw mill, planer mill, lumber drying kiln, log yard and log export operations, solid waste material recovery and transfer facility, log truck shop, and a thermo-mechanical/de-ink/newsprint mill (NORPAC) operated jointly with Nippon Paper Industries. The mill produces approximately 830 off-machine tons of bleached paperboard and 365 air-dried tons of wet lap pulp.

Weyerhaeuser accepts additional wastewater from the Columbia & Cowlitz Railway Locomotive Shop, Headquarters Road and Mt. Solo landfills, Hasa, Mint Farm Cogeneration, Eagle US 2, Solvay, and Specialty Minerals, Longview.