

Georgia-Pacific, Camas

Wastewater permit public event

The Department of Ecology invites you to attend a public open house and hearing on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit for the Georgia-Pacific (G-P) pulp and paper mill in Camas. This will take place:

- June 16, 2015
- At the Camas Community Center: 1718 SE 7th Ave, Camas, WA
- From 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

You can learn about the permit, ask questions, and submit oral or written comments at any time during this event.

Permit

The mill discharges treated wastewater to the Columbia River. A NPDES permit is required for this discharge.

G-P's last permit was issued December 31, 2008. Major changes to the proposed permit include:

- Lower Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Total Suspended Solids limits.
- Requirement to collect data on sediments near the outfall.
- Reporting requirements for the cooling water intake structure.

You can more information on the changes to the permit in the associated fact sheet.

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

Public open house/hearing

June 16, 2015, 4 p.m – 8 p.m.

Camas Community Center
1718 SE 7th Ave
Camas, WA 98607

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Online:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/industrial/UIPermit/DraftPermits.aspx>

Camas Public Library
625 NE 4th Ave
Camas, WA 98607

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Dr SE
Lacey, WA 98503

For questions on the permit, contact:

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Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodations including printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-7668. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with a speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Effective comments:

- Tell us if this proposed permit correctly applies current federal and state laws, rules and regulations.
- Are specific. Tell us what your concern is and how you think the permit should change to address the concern.
- Are focused. Refer to permit's limits, conditions and requirements.

Facility information

The mill is located at 401 NE Adams Street in Camas and employs about 500 people. It produces tissue, toweling and communication papers. The:

- Smallest machines produce about 30 tons of product each day.
- Largest and newest machines produce over 700 tons of product each day.