

KapStone, Longview

Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit for the Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging Corporation, doing business as KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation (KapStone), pulp and paper mill and box plant.

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail July 16 – August 28, 2015. Due to recent requests for public hearings on other permit actions in the area, a public open house and formal hearing will be held:

- August 24, 2015
- From 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- At the McClelland Center, 951 Delaware Street, Longview, WA

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

Permit

KapStone operates two wastewater treatment plants that discharge to the Columbia River, one for process wastewater and the other for sanitary wastewater. A NPDES permit is required for the combined discharge.

Ecology issued KapStone's current permit on September 5, 2007. Changes to the permit include:

- New limits on allowed levels of pollutants and reduction in monitoring frequency for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) and Total Suspended Solids from the process wastewater treatment plant.
- Changing sanitary wastewater treatment plant BOD₅ limit to a Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand limit.
- Requirements to develop a stormwater pollution prevention plan, properly operate and maintain their cooling water intake structure to protect fish (minimize

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

July 16 – August 28, 2015

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Longview Public Library
1600 Louisiana Street
Longview, WA 98632

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Dr SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Online:

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

Send written comments to:

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Special accommodations

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impingement and entrainment), and do a treatment system efficiency study.

You can find more information on the proposed changes in the permit's 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.

Effective comments:

- Tell us if Ecology's proposed action 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 limits, conditions and requirements.

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

Facility information

The mill is located at 300 Fibre Way in Longview. Employing about 1,000 people, it produces about 3,600 tons each day of paper, corrugated products and 2,800 tons each day of unbleached pulp.