

Mint Farm

Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the modifications to Mint Farm's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit.

We will accept comments only on the changes, not the entire permit by mail, e-mail or fax November 24 – December 24, 2015.

Permit

Puget Sound Energy owns this 311 megawatt (MW) electricity generating station. It discharges:

- Process wastewater to the Columbia River, or to Weyerhaeuser Longview for treatment if needed.
- Stormwater to Longview's Consolidated Diking Improvement District Ditch No. 5.

A NPDES permit is required for this to happen.

Ecology issued the permit June 4, 2015. Modifications we're accepting comment on include:

- Changing from 24-hour composite sampling to grab sampling for chromium, zinc, cyanide, dioxin, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), whole effluent toxicity testing, and priority pollutant metals, acid-extractable compounds and base-neutral compounds.
- Reference updates.

You can find more information on these changes to the permit in the supplemental fact sheet.

Commenting

Effective comments:

- Tell us if the proposed changes correctly apply current federal and state laws, rules and regulations.
- Are specific. Tell us your concern and how you think the permit should change to address it.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

November 24 –
December 24, 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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- Are focused. Refer to limits, conditions and requirements.

You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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

Facility information

Mint Farm Generating Station is a natural gas-fired turbine, combined cycle steam electric power generation facility. It's located at the Mint Farm Industrial Park, 120 Prudential Blvd, in Longview. Water used in the process is taken from onsite wells.

