

Pacific Functional Fluids

Opportunity to comment

The Department of Ecology invites you to comment on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Pacific Functional Fluids (PFF).

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail December 8, 2010 - January 21, 2011. You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments on this permit. To request a hearing, contact:

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Permit

PFF's current NPDES permit expired July 30, 2009. Changes to the permit include:

- A different set of water quality criteria for discharge to Blair Waterway, including mixing zones and dilution factors. Criteria were based on freshwater standards and now will be based on marine water quality standards.
- Whole effluent toxicity testing to evaluate acute and chronic effects of the discharge on saltwater species.
- Removal of the pentachlorophenol limit. This was based on fresh water quality criteria and no longer applies. Pentachlorophenol in the effluent does not have a potential to exceed marine water quality criteria.
- Lowering the lead limit from 100 µg/L to 11 µg/L.
- More zinc monitoring to measure effectiveness of the treatment system.

Under the Clean Water Act, point sources (including industrial facilities) must have an NPDES permit if they discharge their wastewater directly to surface water.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

December 8, 2010 –
January 21, 2011

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Tacoma Main Public Library
1102 Tacoma Ave South
Tacoma, WA 98402

Department of Ecology
Industrial Section
300 Desmond Way SE
Lacey, WA 98503
(360) 407-6916

Online:

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

Submit written comments to:

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It is normally issued every 5 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 people to:

- Tell us how well the proposed permit protects receiving waters.
- Suggest fairer limits, conditions and requirements.
- Comment on Ecology’s determination of compliance with antidegradation rules.

When the comment period ends, Ecology reviews all comments received and makes changes to the permit if appropriate before issuing it.

Facility description

PFF is located at 2244 Port of Tacoma Rd in the industrial area of Tacoma, Washington, on the former Lilyblad site. The facility blends, stores, repackages, and distributes petroleum and chemical products. Products include:

- Automotive and industrial lubricants.
- Transmission and hydraulic fluids.
- Diesel.
- Biodiesel.
- De-icing fluids.