

Specialty Minerals, Wallula

Opportunity to comment

The Department of Ecology invites you to comment on the proposed reissuance of the Specialty Mineral, Inc. Wallula location's State Waste Discharge Permit (SWDP).

We intend to issue this permit. We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail November 3, 2011 – December 5, 2011. You may request a public hearing to ask questions or submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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If we determine there is significant public 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

The plant discharges untreated process wastewater and stormwater to Boise White Paper's wastewater treatment system. The treated wastewater is then discharged to the Columbia River through Boise's outfall 001.

The current permit expired June 20, 2011. The proposed permit renews the conditions of the current permit, with no changes.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

November 3 – December 5, 2011

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Mid-Columbia Library
Kennewick Branch
1620 S Union Street
Kennewick, WA 99336

Dept of Ecology
Industrial Section
300 Desmond Way SE
Lacey, WA 98504

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

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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.

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A SWDP 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”.
- Defines the pollution control standards applied.

Public comment allows you to:

- Tell us how well the proposed permit protects receiving water.
- Suggest changes to limits, conditions and requirements.

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

Facility information

Specialty Minerals, Inc. operates a plant for the manufacture of precipitated calcium carbonate at 3128 W Highway 12, in Wallula, Washington.

Prior to discharge to Boise’s wastewater treatment plant, there is no pretreatment of process wastewater or storm water drainage required due to the inorganic composition of the process constituents.