

# Georgia-Pacific, Camas

## Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit for the Georgia-Pacific pulp and paper mill in Camas.

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail March 17 – April 20, 2015.

## Permit

Georgia Pacific (G-P) Consumer Products owns and operates a kraft pulp and paper mill in Camas, WA. 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 find more information on 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

### Comment period

March 17 – April 20, 2015

### Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Camas Public Library  
625 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Camas, WA 98607

Dept of Ecology  
300 Desmond Dr SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

### Online:

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

### Send written comments to:

Ha Tran  
Dept of Ecology  
Industrial Section  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600  
[ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov)

### Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-6900. 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 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.

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

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If we determine there's significant interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will:

- Publish the date, time and location.
- Extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice of the hearing.

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

### **Facility information**

The mill is located at 401 NE Adams Street in Camas, and employs about 500 people. It currently produces tissue, toweling and communication papers. The smallest machines produce about 30 tons of product per day, and the largest and newest machines produce over 700 tons per day.