

# Weyerhaeuser, Longview

## Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed modifications to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit for the Weyerhaeuser NR Company pulp and paper mill in Longview.

We will accept comments, only on the modifications to the permit, by mail, fax or e-mail March 20 – April 22, 2015.

## Permit

Weyerhaeuser NR Company operates a pulp and paper mill that discharges wastewater to the Columbia River and Longview ditch system. A NPDES permit is required for this discharge.

Ecology issued Weyerhaeuser's NPDES permit on October 15, 2014. Weyerhaeuser appealed the permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board on November 14, 2014.

We propose modifications to the permit to address the issue in this appeal and to make other corrections and technical clarifications.

We're accepting comments only on the proposed changes. These include:

- Fecal Coliform limits at Outfall 003 and 004.
- pH monitoring of Bleach Plant effluent.
- Flow and temperature monitoring at Outfall 001 and 002.
- Adding
  - Turbidity monitoring at Outfall 003 and 004.
  - Mass loading reporting requirements of secondary treatment wastewater effluent at Outfall 005.
- Changing the reporting schedule for quarterly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

You can find more information on the proposed modifications in the associated supplemental fact sheet.

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

### Comment period

March 20 – April 22, 2015

### Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Longview Public Library  
1600 Louisiana St  
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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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.

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 on the modifications and make appropriate changes before issuing the modified permit.

### **Facility information**

The mill site is located at 3401 Industrial Way in Longview. It includes a Kraft pulp mill, liquid packaging paper machine, extruder operation, saw mill, planer mill, lumber drying kiln, log yard and log export operation, solid waste material recovery and transfer facility, log truck shop, and a thermomechanical/deink/newsprint mill (NORPAC). The mill produces approximately 830 off-machine tons of bleached paperboard and 365 air-dried tons of wet lap pulp.

Weyerhaeuser accepts additional wastewater from Columbia & Cowlitz Railway Locomotive Shop, Mt. Solo Landfill, Hasa, Mint Farm Cogeneration, Eagle US 2, Solvay and Specialty Minerals, Longview.