

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: WA0044806

APPLICANT: City of Palouse
PO Box 248
Palouse, WA 99161

FACILITY: Palouse Wastewater Treatment Plant
500 W. Main Street
Palouse, WA 99161

The City of Palouse has applied for renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act.

The City of Palouse presently owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant which is designed to handle an average monthly flow of 280,000 gallons per day. The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of wastewater from the facility to the Palouse River with the appropriate permit limits and conditions.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website at https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/?p=110:302:2145556033489810::NO:RP:P302_PERMIT_NUMBER:0044806. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Eastern Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies please contact the Permit Coordinator at (509) 329-3455, by e-mail at stra461@ecy.wa.gov or by writing to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments must be received by our office **no later than February 2, 2015**. Comments should be sent to:

Ms. Eleanor Key, P.E.
Department of Ecology
4601 N. Monroe Street
Spokane, WA 99205
ekey461@ecy.wa.gov

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 329-3400 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.