



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

To receive public comments for the
**PROPOSED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
(NPDES) PERMIT REISSUANCE**

For the
**ENERGY NORTHWEST
COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION**

Application for Reissuance

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.50 and 90.48 of the Revised Code of Washington; Chapters 463 and 173 of the Washington Administrative Code; and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended; **NOTICE** is hereby given that the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has received an application from Energy Northwest, P.O. Box 968, Richland, Washington, 99352-0968, for reissuance of NPDES Permit No. WA-002515-1, for the Columbia Generating Station.

NPDES Permit No. WA-002515-1 is a wastewater discharge permit for Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station located on the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site. The Columbia Generating Station is a boiling water nuclear power reactor that has been in commercial operation since 1984. The plant discharges to the Columbia River at Outfall 001. This reissuance also authorizes discharges to ground of process wastewater at Outfall 002 until the completion of Energy Northwest's evaporation pond, which is anticipated to occur by July, 2014. The draft permit also removes Energy Northwest's authorization to discharge process wastewater to ground from Outfall 003.

Tentative Determination to Reissue Permit

A tentative determination has been made to reissue NPDES Permit No. WA-002515-1, for Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station (formerly WNP-2) for a period of five years beginning from the date of final adoption, subject to appropriate changes or adjustments as may result from public comments, the public hearing record, or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review. Pursuant to Council regulation, the tentative determination is based on a draft permit that sets forth the following: 1) proposed effluent limitations; 2) schedules of compliance; and 3) other terms and special conditions. Details about this determination are contained in a fact sheet describing the permit conditions and any changes proposed for this facility.

Public Participation

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that an application, fact sheet and draft permit are available for review. This notice also serves as an announcement of a public hearing to receive written and oral comments. The public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2014.

Copies of Application, Fact Sheet and Draft Permit Available

Copies of the application, fact sheet and draft permit are on file in the Council Office, located at the Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504, and are available for inspection and copying by any interested member of the public. Review of the documents can be arranged by calling EFSEC at 360-664-1345. Copies will also be mailed to persons or agencies upon request.

Comments Invited

The Council invites interested persons to submit written comments concerning the tentative determination to reissue the permit. Written comments should be mailed to:

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
Attention: Jim La Spina
P.O. Box 43172
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Comments may also be submitted by email at efsec@utc.wa.gov.

The Council will consider all written comments submitted during the comment period in formulating its final determination. The Council's response to all significant comments will be available upon request. **All comments must be received by EFSEC no later than 5 pm on March 14, 2014.**

Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2014, in Room 206 at the Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia, Washington. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the state's Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 34.05 Revised Code of Washington.

Council Action

After the public hearing and after the close of the comment period, the Council will consider the information before it and reach a decision on reissuing the permit in such form as it considers appropriate.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By _____ /s/
Stephen Posner
Interim EFSEC Manager

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 3rd day of February, 2014.