

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

To run December 12, 2001

**THE BOEING COMPANY - EVERETT PLANT, EVERETT
DRAFT DANGEROUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS**

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are making draft permits available for public comment. These permits are for The Boeing Company's plant at 3003 West Casino Road, Everett, WA 98203 (Everett Plant). If finalized, the permits will allow Boeing to continue to store dangerous waste and hazardous waste (dangerous/hazardous waste) at the Everett Plant.

The Boeing Company (Boeing) manufactures commercial airplanes at the Everett plant. As part of these operations, the facility receives and stores dangerous/ hazardous waste generated at the site and at other Boeing plants. Boeing also recycles wastes generated on-site. Boeing has been storing dangerous/ hazardous waste under "interim status" standards. This status is available to facilities that existed before they became regulated by the Dangerous Waste Rules, Chapter 173-303 WAC. "Interim status" allows a facility to continue operating while it and the regulating agencies complete the process leading to a final permit decision.

The facility proposes to increase its storage capacity to 103,620 gallons by more efficient use of existing storage space. The wastes managed by Boeing are related directly to airplane manufacturing and to maintenance of the plant, vehicles, and equipment. The permits include requirements for receiving and managing the dangerous/ hazardous waste.

Under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the City of Everett (City) issued a determination of nonsignificance for construction of the dangerous/hazardous waste storage building. In 1991, the City issued an environmental impact statement (EIS) for an expansion of airplane manufacturing activities at the plant. The EIS limited storage capacity to 44,800 gallons. Because of the proposed increase in storage capacity, Ecology prepared an addendum to the 1991 EIS to update information on the proposal and its environmental impacts.

Boeing proposed to significantly expand its storage capacity, thereby triggering the requirement to demonstrate compliance with statewide criteria for siting hazardous waste management facilities. Ecology reviewed Boeing's demonstration report and has tentatively determined that the facility and the dangerous waste management unit meet all the criteria applicable to the site.

The 60-day comment period on Ecology's and EPA's tentative decisions to issue these permits runs from December 12, 2001, through February 11, 2002.

To get a copy of Ecology's draft permit, the fact sheet providing details on the draft permits and the demonstration of compliance with siting criteria, or the SEPA addendum, contact Janet Rhodes at (360) 407-6708 (voice) or (360) 407-6006 (TDD), or at the address below, or visit Ecology's web site at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/permits

For a copy of EPA's draft permit, contact Carla Fisher at (206)553-1756 (voice), at fisher.carla@epamail.epa.gov (email), or at US EPA Region 10 - WCM-121, 1200 6th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101.

To be considered, comments must be postmarked or received (by e-mail or hand delivery) by February

11, 2002.

To submit comments, send a letter or e-mail to: Janet Rhodes, Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste Program, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600; e-mail address - jrho461@ecy.wa.gov.

Hand deliver comments to: Janet Rhodes at Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503.

If significant interest is expressed in a hearing, Ecology and EPA will conduct a public hearing on January 24, 2002. To ask for a hearing contact Janet Rhodes by phone, letter, or e-mail by January 11, 2002 (must be received by this date, a postmark by this date is not sufficient). If there is no significant interest in a hearing on the draft permits, then Ecology and EPA will cancel the hearing. To request special accommodations for the hearing (if held), contact Janet Rhodes by January 17, 2002.

To find out if the public hearing will be held, contact Janet Rhodes after January 16, 2002. If held, the public hearing will be at the Evergreen Branch of the City of Everett Public Library on January 24, 2002. There will be an open house from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by the hearing at 7:30 p.m. At the open house, there will be an opportunity to visit with staff from Ecology, EPA, and the Boeing Company to learn more about the storage unit and the draft permits. At the hearing, there will be an opportunity to provide testimony on the draft permits.

Ecology and EPA will consider and respond to all written comments received by the deadline and any comments or public testimony received during the open house and public hearing, if held. After considering the comments and testimony, the agencies will make final decisions or new tentative decisions.

If you would like to be on a list to receive mailings about future activities related to permits for hazardous waste facilities statewide, please contact Janet Rhodes.

Ecology and EPA are Equal Opportunity Agencies. If you need this information in alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the hearing, contact Janet Rhodes, see above. Please call by January 17, 2002, to receive special accommodations for the hearing. Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the hearing, contact Ms. Rhodes, see above. To receive special accommodations for the hearing, contact Ms. Rhodes by July 12, 2000.