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September 24, 2025

City of Sumner
Michael Kosa
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**Re: City of Sumner Substantial Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and Variance Permit No. SSD-2024-0002, SSD-2024-0003, SSD-2024-0004
Ecology Permit No. 2025-SWRO-9205**

Dear Michael Kosa:

On September 5, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received notice that the City of Sumner (City) has approved with conditions your application for a Substantial Development Permit (SDP), a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and a Variance Permit (VAR) to replace components of the existing Class A biosolids treatment system at the City's WWTP that are either capacity limited or reaching the end of their service life. The project is located at 13114 63rd Street East within the urban conservancy shoreline environment designation along the Puyallup River and White River.

By law, local governments must review all SDPs for compliance with:

- The Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW),
- The SDP approval criteria (WAC 173-27-150), and
- The Sumner Shoreline Master Program.

Local governments, after reviewing SDPs for compliance, are required to submit them to Ecology. We have received your SDP.

By law, Ecology must review CUPs and Variances for compliance with:

- The Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW),
- The CUP approval criteria (WAC 173-27-160),

- The Variance approval criteria (WAC 173-27-170), and
- The Sumner Shoreline Master Program.

After reviewing CUPs and Variances for compliance, Ecology must decide whether to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove.

Our Decision on Your CUP and Variances:

We approve your CUP and Variance, provided your project complies with the conditions required by the City.

What Happens Next?

Before you begin activities authorized by these permits, the law provides a 21-day appeal period from September 24, 2025, the "date of filing." This appeal period allows anyone (including you) who disagrees with any aspect of this permit to appeal the decision to the state Shorelines Hearings Board (SHB). You must wait for the conclusion of an appeal before you can begin the activities authorized by this permit.

The SHB will notify you if they receive an appeal. We recommend that you contact the SHB before you begin permit activities to ensure they have not received an appeal. You may reach them at 360-664-9160, elaho.wa.gov, or [Shorelines Hearings Board](#).

If you want to appeal this decision, you can find appeal instructions at [How to File a Petition for Review](#) or on the website of the Washington State Legislature at: [Chapter 461-08 WAC](#).

Please note, other federal, state, and local permits may be required in addition to these shoreline permits.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Brook Swensen at 564-999-1749 or Brook.Swensen@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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