

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

DRAFT AIR OPERATING PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) will take action on and seeks comments on a draft Air Operating Permit renewal for the following facility:

**Sierra Pacific Industries
14654 Ovenell Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) owns and operates a lumber manufacturing facility in Skagit County, Washington. SPI is currently permitted to produce 400 million board feet (MMbf) of dimensional lumber per year. A biomass-fired cogeneration facility produces steam for heating on-site lumber drying kilns and for powering a steam turbine capable of generating 28 Megawatts (MW) of electricity.

SPI is subject to the Title V program because its potential annual NO_x, CO, hydrogen chloride (a hazardous air pollutant, HAP), and total HAP emissions exceed the applicability thresholds.

The AOP compiles existing air quality requirements and permits into one comprehensive document and establishes monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting procedures to assure compliance. The AOP does not approve emission increases or require emission decreases. The AOP must be renewed every 5 years. This action is a renewal of the existing AOP. For more information, see www.nwcleanair.org/aqPrograms/airPermits.htm.

Copies of the draft AOP and supporting documents are available from the NWCAA offices, or online at www.nwcleanair.org under "Public Notices." Written comments relating to the issuance of this AOP must be sent within 30 days of this notice to:

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NWCAA may hold a public hearing if the agency determines that there is significant public interest. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted within the comment period. Any such requests must indicate the interest of the person or organization filing the request, and describe why a public hearing is necessary.

NWCAA is publishing this notice pursuant to the Washington State Clean Air Act (RCW 70.94). The AOP is issued pursuant to Chapter 173-401 WAC and Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Contact Christos Christoforou with any questions about this notice at the addresses above or at 360-419-6839.