

Monthly Activity Report

August 26 to September 25, 2019

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	12	23
Registered sources	46	184	259	489
Totals	47	194	271	512

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1336	Lynden Door Inc.	Whatcom	08/27/19	Install two baghouses to control air emissions from existing woodworking equipment.
1337	Ershigs	Whatcom	08/29/19	New dust collector to replace existing unit for the grinding room in building No. 3.
1338	Mount Baker Ski Area Inc.	Whatcom	08/30/19	16 generators (diesel and propane fired) used to power and heat an off-grid ski area.

Construction permit decisions (none this cycle)

Enforcement

Case

Alleged violations

No.	Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4377	08/26/19	Van Dyk's Holsteins LLC	Whatcom	 Failure to perform required engine Failure to combust all digester gas Failure to maintain records of all o anaerobic digester. Failure to maintain a written log or subjected (act) (day and set of biographs)

- engine performance testing. er gas in the engine generator or the flare.
- of all offsite materials used as feed for the
- log on a daily basis that included standard cubic feet (scf)/day and scf of biogas combusted each day in the engine generator and the flare.
- 5. Failure to keep process and/or air pollution control equipment in good condition and repair.
- 6. Failure to report a breakdown or upset of the inoperative flare which allowed excess H2S emissions to exhaust uncontrolled to the ambient air.

Alleged violations (cont.)

Case	Issue	(
No.	Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4378	09/03/19	Puget Sound Energy - Encogen Generating Station	Whatcom	Failure to meet NOx CEMs data availability from November 2018 to August 2019 on Unit 1 turbine.
4379	09/05/19	Tesoro USA #68404	Skagit	Failure to install, operate, and maintain proper stage I equipment on one of three gasoline storage tanks.
4380	09/10/19	Gabriel & Molly Campos	Whatcom	Illegal demolition of a 900-square-foot single-family residence built in 1900.
4381	09/10/19	Valley Market & Deli	Whatcom	Failure to apply for and obtain a General Order or Order of Approval to Construct prior to installing stage I EVR.
4382	09/10/19	Angela & George Terek	Skagit	Illegal outdoor fire.
4385	09/24/19	Auto Collision Repair	Whatcom	Failure to pay 2019 registration fee.
4386	09/25/19	Tom's Auto Body & Auto Sales	Skagit	Failure to pay 2019 registration fee.
4387	09/25/19	Bailey's Corner Store	Island	Failure to pay 2019 registration fee.
4389	09/25/19	Oceanus Plastics Inc.	Whatcom	Failure to pay 2019 registration fee.
4390	09/25/19	Specialty Metal Finishing	Skagit	Failure to pay 2019 registration fee.
4391	09/25/19	The Strip Shop	Whatcom	Failure to pay 2019 registration fee.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4305	Isobel Rosalas	Skagit	\$810	\$160	Illegal outdoor fire containing prohibited materials.
4348	Bellingham AutoWorks	Whatcom	\$500	\$250	Failure to report 2018 product usages / emissions.
4346	Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC	Skagit	\$5,000	\$5,000	Excess SO2 emissions due to an improper flange gasket.
4359	Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC	Skagit	\$20,000	\$20,000	Missed daily calibration drift checks and low data availability on three continuous emissions monitors.

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Penalties issued (cont.)

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ² to	Alleged violation description
4362	3 P'S General Contractors, Inc		\$2,500	\$2,500	Failure to properly notify, contain, and dispose of asbestos waste.
4365	Warrior Quick Stop #2	Skagit	\$1,168	\$1,168	Failure to notify change of ownership, report throughput, and test vapor-tight equipment.
4368	Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC	Skagit	\$5,000	\$5,000	Excess opacity and/or uncombusted VOC from the flare resulting from 5 incidents.
4372	Greenbank Concrete & Aggregates	Island	\$3,000	\$1,500	Failure to submit NOC and receive OAC prior to installing a 24 x 36 jaw crusher with series 40 Detroit generator and a concrete batch plant.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
09/19/19	Phillips 66 Company	Whatcom

Complaint summary

Asbestos	1
Dust, Road/Lot or Construction	5
Industrial Emissions	3
Information Call	1
Marijuana	4
Odor	34
Other	1
Outdoor Burning	2
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	51

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