

Monthly Activity Report

October 26 to November 25, 2020

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	12	23
Registered sources	50	186	256	492
Totals	51	196	268	515

Permitting

Construction permit applications received (None this period)

Construction permit decisions

	•		Processing		
Permit No.	Source	County	time (60 days max)	Project description	Action taken
1339	Wilcox Family Farms	Skagit	16	New gas fired cremation unit with afterburner for smoke control to dispose of dead chickens. 400 pounds per load capacity.	Permit issued
1359	Socco Forest Products	Whatcom	22	New lumber saws, planer, and dust collection bins, with monthly production up to 4 million board feet. Dust controlled by a baghouse. Permits for existing equipment, which won't be modified, consolidated into this permit.	Permit issued
1357	Aspen Power Catamarans	Skagit	49	New spray booth with exhaust filters to house fiberglass lamination of boats and boat parts at an existing boat manufacturing facility.	Permit issued
1329a	Sumas Concrete Products	Whatcom	22	Facility currently being built – permit modification to add one more cement silo with filter to control dust and use a different baghouse to control dust for the cement mixer (mixer previously permitted).	Permit issued

Construction permit decisions (cont.)

Processing

Permit			time (60		
No.	Source	County	days max)	Project description	Action taken
1360	Greenacres Memorial Park		8	Replace old human cremation unit with a new, natural gas fired, unit with a capacity of 150 pounds/hour. Air pollution controlled by an afterburner.	Permit issued

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4434	11/03/20	Clinton Square Gas & Deli	Island	Failure to repair and to obtain a permit prior to removal and replacement of gasoline storage and dispensing equipment.
4438	11/05/20	Ernesto's Touch Ups	Skagit	Failure to report 2019 product usages / emissions.
4439	11/05/20	Harbor Motor Company LLC	Whatcom	Failure to report 2019 emissions and pay 2020 registration fee.
4440	11/05/20	MJC Autobody	Skagit	Failure to report 2019 emissions and pay 2020 registration fee
4447	11/05/20	TKC Automotive	Skagit	Failure to submit an application and obtain a permit prior to the relocating a spray coating operation. Failure to comply with spray coating standards including enclosure, filtration and exhaust requirements.
4437	11/06/20	Columbia Cabinets Northwest LLC	Whatcom	Failure to report 2019 product usages/emissions
4442	11/06/20	Powerscreen of Washington Inc.	Skagit	Failure to report 2019 product usages / emissions
4443	11/06/20	Section Street Market - NW Petro	Skagit	Failure to report 2019 product usages / emissions.
4444	11/06/20	Vicious Autoworks LLC	Whatcom	Failure to report 2019 product usage and/or emissions. Failure to pay 2020 registration fee.
4445	11/06/20	Warrior Quick Stop #2	Skagit	Failure to report 2019 product usages and/or emissions.
4446	11/06/20	Welcome Grocery Store	Whatcom	Failure to report 2019 product usages and/or emissions.
4450	11/24/20	NW RV & Auto Services	Whatcom	Failure to pay 2020 registration fee.
4451	11/24/20	Sumas Tank N Tote	Whatcom	Failure to pay 2020 registration fee.

Penalties issued

Case			Amount	Conditionally reduced or	
No.	Source	County		suspended1 to	Alleged violation description
4405	VT Volant	Skagit	\$7,000	\$7,000	Failure to maintain equipment, keep records, and demonstrate compliance with 10 permit requirements and federal rules regarding VOC and chromium-containing products.
4418	Andrew Olive	Whatcom	\$781	\$781	Failure to conduct an asbestos survey and notify NWCAA prior to demolition of a detached garage.
4420	Shell Puget Sound Refinery	Skagit	\$26,000	\$26,000	Two inadvertent roof landings resulting in approximately 166 pounds of excess VOC emissions.
					Three continuous emissions monitoring systems failing to meet 90% monthly data availability due to missed daily calibration checks and analyzer downtime.
4406A	FPE Renewables LLC	Whatcom	\$100,468	\$100,468	Amended. Failures to meet H2S emission limits, report excess H2S emissions, follow monitoring provisions, and flare operation requirements. Failure to obtain a permit for all operating scenarios. Failure to adequately design, build and operate in accordance with good air pollution control practices for H2S.
4416 & 4423	John and Brenda Lund	Skagit	\$1,557	\$1,557	Illegal burning of dismantled RVs and other prohibited material. Sanchez Farms LLC is owned by John and Brenda Lund, who have been previous violators on NOV 4416, issued 3/18/2020.
4429	Joni Ho	Skagit	\$750	\$750	Illegal outdoor fire containing prohibited material in the form of residential garbage and metal part in an unapproved outdoor burning container (burn barrel).
4431	Eric Schlemmer	Whatcom	\$2,005	\$1,005	Illegal removal of asbestos containing material from a 1500 square foot single family rental property.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
10/28/20	Sierra Pacific Industries -Skagit Lumber Facility	Skagit

¹ In some cases, NWCAA offers air pollution sources the opportunity to reduce their penalty by agreeing to specific actions that go beyond compliance requirements. Alternatively, a portion of a penalty may be suspended, holding the remainder of the penalty due if the violation is repeated within 5 years.

Complaint summary

Asbestos	2
Industrial Emissions	2
Marijuana	1
Odor	3
Outdoor Burning	10
Smoke	1
Woodstove	7
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	26





