

Serving Island, Skagit & Whatcom Counties

Monthly Activity Report

July 26 to August 25, 2023

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	11	22
Registered sources	58	212	272	543
Totals	59	222	283	564

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1411	Ben's Market 1	Whatcom	08/09/23	Removal of Stage II vapor control equipment while Stage I (tank) vapor controls remain in place.

Construction permits issued

			Processing time (60	
Permit No.	Source	County	days max)	Project description
1409	Metrie Inc.	Whatcom	Whatcom 20 Wood working equipment, in vents to a dust collection syst baghouse (air pollution contro	

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4671	08/02/23	Skagit Habitat for Humanity	Skagit	Offer for sale of uncertified woodstove.
4670	08/03/23	Van Dellen Farms LLC	Whatcom	Illegal outdoor fire containing prohibited material during a fire safety burn ban.
4672	08/14/23	Colton E. Price Ness	Skagit	Illegal outdoor fire consisting of prohibited material during a burn ban.
4673	08/14/23	Bret Adams	Skagit	Illegal outdoor burning of prohibited materials in a burn barrel during a fire safety burn ban.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4643	Travis & Vanessa Swalander	Skagit	\$548	\$548	Failure to apply for and obtain a demolition permit and illegal outdoor burning containing prohibited materials including a hot tub, insulation, and construction debris.
4650	Tony Tong	Skagit	\$250	\$250	Illegal outdoor burning of prohibited material during a burn ban.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
07/31/23	Hannegan Properties & Tenants	Whatcom
08/07/23	Phillips 66 Company Ferndale Refinery	Whatcom
08/14/23	Puget Sound Energy - Fredonia Generating	Skagit
08/15/23	Phillips 66 Company Ferndale Refinery	Whatcom

Complaint summary

Asbestos	1	
Dust, Road/Lot or Construction		
Industrial Emissions	1	
Marijuana	6	
Odor	18	
Outdoor Burning	8	
Prohibited Material	2	
Smoke	1	
Woodstove	1	
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	45	

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.





