

Monthly Activity Report

January 1 to January 31, 2015

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Portable	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	13	12	0	26
Registered sources	32	131	197	17	377
Totals	33	144	209	17	403

Construction permit applications received

Permit

No.SourceCountyReceivedProject description1208BP West Coast Products LLCWhatcom01/20/15Replace tubes on reformer heater.

Construction permit decisions

Permit			Processing time (60		
No . 1202	Source NW Petro	County Skagit	days max) 69	Project description Change dispenser nozzles to remove pollution control equipment.	Action taken Issued – construction permit
GO001 -01	DariTech, Inc./Bloks Evergreen Dairy	Whatcom	1	Generator and flare system for new dairy digester.	Approved coverage under general construction permit.
1207	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	1	Project to replace tips of flares used to burn off gases to prevent release of gases to air.	Letter issued – NWCAA determined no construction permit is required.

Alleged violations

Case No. 4121a	Issue Date 01/13/15	Source Mike Dunatov	County Skagit	Alleged violation description Administrative revision to Case No. 4121 to reflect updated Northwest Clean Air Agency regulation numbers and new mailing address for Mike Dunatov. Case No. 4121 issued 12/23/2014: Illegal outdoor fire. Pile was contained within a burn box approximately 3' x 2' x 3' and consisted of prohibited materials in the form of demolition debris from a motor home including paneling, electrical components, and fiberglass residuals. No permit was requested nor would have been granted for this fire.
4127	01/13/15	Simple Box Storage LLC	Whatcom	Illegal outdoor burn at a business. The illegal fire contained 100% prohibited material, including fiberglass forms.
4128	01/23/15	EPL Feed, LLC - Sumas	Whatcom	Failure to submit required notification of compliance status, maintain records, and follow work practices to prevent release of chromium-containing materials.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally suspended to	Alleged violation description
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4097	Shell Puget	Skagit	\$4,000	N/A	On 4/30/14, a process upset caused 1,254
	Sound Refinery				pounds of excess SO2 emissions. The upset was
	· ·				caused by a failed vibration trip switch and a
					failed automatic start switch.
4120	Shall Dugat	Skagit	\$4,000	N/A	
4120	Shell Puget	Skagit	\$4,000	IV/A	The extendable legs of an internal floating tank
	Sound Refinery				roof were accidently left extended, preventing it
					from floating for eight hours on April 6, 2014.
					The tank was storing heavy platformate. The
					incident resulted in the release of an estimated
					398 pounds of excess volatile organic
					compounds to the atmosphere.

Process upsets reported with excess emissions

Date	Source	County	Description
01/03/15	Shell Puget Sound Refinery	Skagit	May have exceeded 162 parts per million hydrogen sulfide limit at flare.

Complaint Summary

Total calls received 69

Number of complaints by type

Asbestos	1
Odor	12
Outdoor burning	8
Prohibited material	1
Woodstove	47

¹ In some cases, NWCAA offers sources that are responsive the opportunity to suspend a portion of their penalty by signing an Assurance of Discontinuance (AOD) agreement that requires specific corrective actions by the source and holds the remainder of the penalty due if the violation is repeated within 5 years.





