



Monthly Activity Report

March 1 to March 31, 2015

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Portable	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	13	12	0	26
Registered sources	31	132	199	17	375
Totals	32	145	211	17	405

Construction permit decisions

Permit No.	Source	County	Processing time (60 days max)	Project description	Action taken
1201	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	48	Modification to existing sulfur plant and tail gas unit.	Permit issued
1211	Costco - Bellingham-Arctic	Whatcom	16	New gasoline station.	Permit issued
1206	Northwest Marine Industries, LLC	Whatcom	58	Relocated fiberglass boat builder retroactively seeks permit to operate in new location.	Permit issued
1212	Concrete Nor'west - (Butler Pit)	Skagit	19	Replace silo dust collectors.	Permit issued
1203	McEvoy Commercial Fueling	Whatcom	27	Permit existing gasoline station.	Permit issued

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4134	03/09/15	Evarardo "Peepa" Nuno	Skagit	Contractor using illegal landfill to dispose of construction site debris through illegal burning and burial.
4131	03/10/15	Mount Baker Products, Inc.	Whatcom	Facility did not perform required source testing for particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides in 2014.
4133	03/11/15	Ershigs, Inc	Whatcom	Released strong styrene odors. The odor was documented at complainant's property in the 2900 block of Birchwood Avenue in Bellingham.
4132	03/25/15	Skagit County Public Works-Inman Landfill	Skagit	During a compliance inspection on March 3, 2015, NWCAA found the flare at Inman Landfill was not functioning properly, as required by the NWCAA construction permit for the facility. An oxygen sensor reading indicated a leak along the feed line. This flare also was not functioning during an inspection on October 16, 2013.

Alleged violations (cont.)

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4135	03/25/15	Sierra Pacific Industries-Forestry Division	Skagit	Two illegal outdoor fires containing prohibited material, including cardboard, plastics, metals, paper, and trash. Pile sizes were approximately 50' x 50' and 80' x 50'.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4105	LaBelle Associates, Inc.		\$1,000	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water-flow meter for the packed bed scrubber was not operating and logs were not maintained. Weekly water-flow meter readings log was incomplete. Scrubber flow rates were not within operating range nor were corrective actions taken or documented on the logs. Failed to comply with construction permit conditions.
4130	Stephen & Sandy Wade	Whatcom	\$975	\$975	Demolition of a 35-foot mobile home/trailer and structure without an asbestos inspection and failure to notify the agency as required.

Process upsets reported with excess emissions

Date	Source	County	Description
03/02/15	Shell Puget Sound Refinery	Skagit	Excess sulfur dioxide emissions from sulfur recovery unit.
03/09/15	Shell Puget Sound Refinery	Skagit	Excess sulfur dioxide emissions from three separate electricity generating units.
03/13/15	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit	Excess sulfur dioxide emissions from sulfur recovery unit.

Complaint Summary

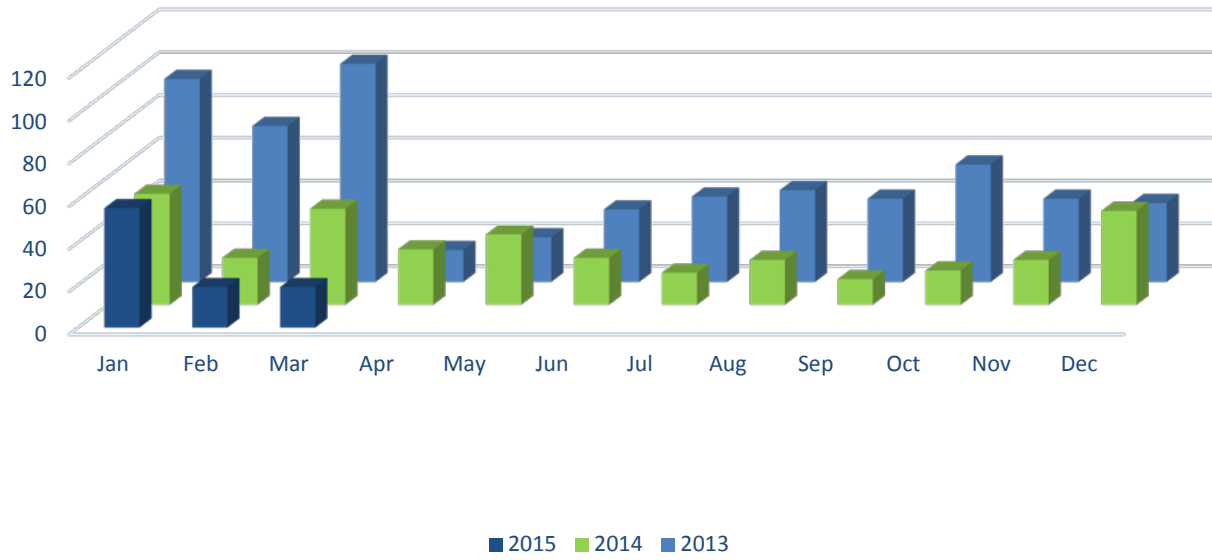
Number of complaints by type

Dust, road/lot or construction	2
Odor	17
Opacity	1
Outdoor burning	9
Prohibited material	1
Smoke	2
Woodstove	7

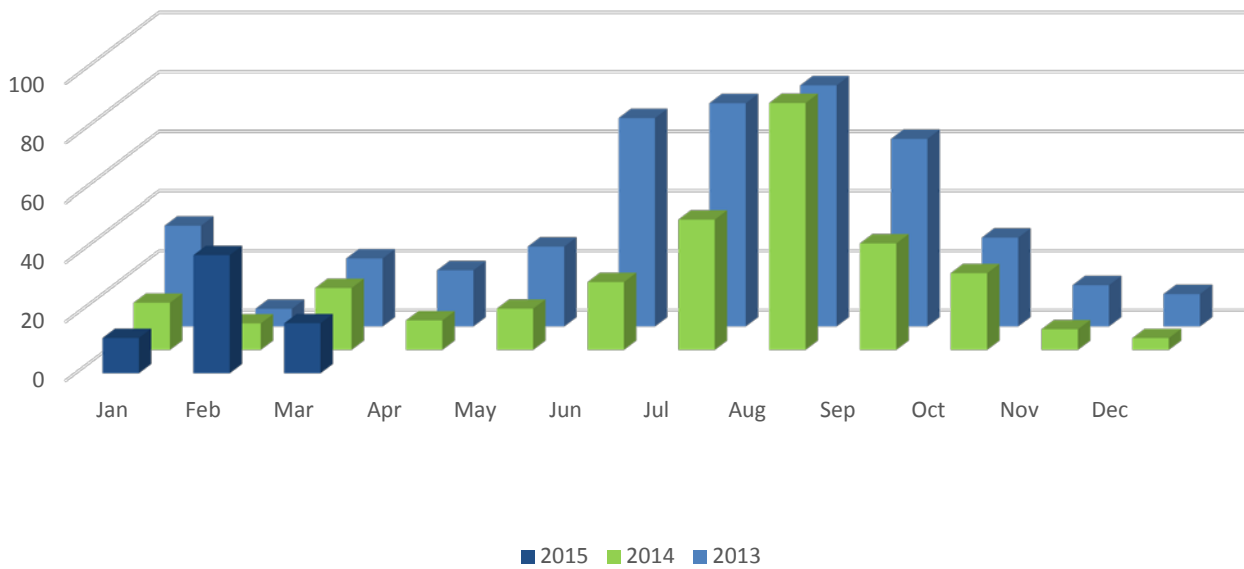
TOTAL: (unique calls received for the period) 38

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.

Burning Related Complaints



Odor Complaints



Total Complaints Annual Rolling Summary

