

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY IS REQUESTING DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL PLAN TO REGULATE EXISTING SEWAGE SLUDGE INCINERATOR UNITS

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) seeks comment on our request for delegation of authority from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement and enforce the Federal plan for existing Sewage Sludge Incinerators (SSI) units in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 62.15865. There are two subject SSI units in NWCAA's jurisdiction: one at Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bellingham, Whatcom County, and the other at Anacortes Wastewater Treatment Plant in Anacortes, Skagit County.

The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires the EPA to develop and adopt standards for SSI units. EPA promulgated requirements for existing SSI units in 40 C.F.R. Part 62, Subpart LLL (also called the Federal plan). The rule gives agencies the choice of either writing our own requirements for SSI units or implementing the Federal plan. Rather than developing our own requirements, NWCAA is choosing to implement and enforce the Federal plan requirements in 40 C.F.R. Part 62, Subpart LLL. In order to obtain the primary authority to implement and enforce these requirements, NWCAA must request the authority be delegated to us by EPA.

The application process includes initiating a public comment period and holding a hearing on our requesting delegation of 40 C.F.R. Part 62, Subpart LLL.

The public comment period begins on June 7, 2017 and ends close of business on July 14, 2017. You may send written comments to:

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The hearing is scheduled for 9:00 am on July 13, 2017 at NWCAA's office at 1600 South 2nd Street in Mount Vernon, WA. Note that verbal comments will only be recorded at the hearing.

Our application is available for review at the NWCAA offices or on our website – www.nwcleanairwa.gov (see The Latest / Public Notice). We have also posted a link to the Federal plan (40 C.F.R. Part 62, Subpart LLL) as part of the public notice on our website.

For more information, please contact Lyn Tober, (360) 419-6765 or lynt@nwcleanairwa.gov.