

Monthly Activity Report

October 1 to October 31 2014

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

Perm No. 890d	Source	County Whatcom	Received 10/01/14	Project description Modification to existing sulfur plant and tail gas unit.
1202	NW Petro	Skagit	10/09/14	Change dispenser nozzles to remove pollution control equipment.
1089	a Sierra Pacific Industries	Skagit	10/27/14	Modify permit to include boiler capacity as a limiting factor.

Construction permit decisions

Permit			Processing time (60		
No . 1196	Source Petrogas Ferndale Storage Terminal	County Whatcom	days max) 28	Project description Emptying of a 350,000 bbl butane storage tank for maintenance, and refilling it afterwards.	Action taken Issued permit
1161b	Janicki Industries, Inc.	Skagit	23	Change sewage source for electrical- and water-generation pilot project	Issued permit
1047a	Phillips 66 Company	Whatcom	22	Administrative revision	Issued permit

Alleged violations

Case	Issue			
No.	Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4108	10/13/14	Whatcom Builders, Inc Ferndale	Whatcom	Confirmed nuisance odors at multiple residences.
4106	10/21/14	Dakota Creek Industries	Skagit	Xylene emissions exceeded permit limit for single hazardous air pollutant. However, emissions have not exceeded the major source threshold.
4109	10/28/14	Cargill Nutrena - Burlington	Skagit	Corrective action order issued. Facility did not submit required report and is not keeping required records.

Penalties issued

Case				Conditionally	
No.	Source	County	Amount	suspended1 to	Alleged violation description
4098	ABRA Auto Body	Skagit	\$1,000	\$300	On 6/27/14, a NWCAA inspector found paint
	& Glass - Mt.				remover, containing the prohibited chemical
	Vernon				methylene chloride, in the paint booth area of
					the facility.
4092	Van Dyk's	Whatcom	\$1,128	\$428	Illegal outdoor burning of prohibited materials at
	Holsteins, LLC				a commercial farming operation.

Process upsets reported with excess emissions

Date	Source	County	Description
10/01/14	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	Possible excess SO2 emissions from flare.
10/04/14	Sierra Pacific Industries	Skagit	Possible excess opacity.
10/10/14	PSE - Encogen Generating Station	Whatcom	Excess NOx emissions
10/18/14	Sierra Pacific Industries	Skagit	Excess opacity during boiler shutdown
10/26/14	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	Possible excess SO2 from low pressure flare
10/26/14	Life Cycle Pet Cremation	Whatcom	Excess opacity.

Complaint summary

Total Calls received 4	Total calls received	47
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Number of complaints by type	
Asbestos	2
Information Call	1
Odor	26
Outdoor burning	11
Particulate	2
Smoke	1
Woodstove	4



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.