

Serving Island, Skagit & Whatcom Counties

Monthly Activity Report

September 26 to October 25, 2020

Regulated sources, by county

Regulated Sources, by county	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	12	23
Registered sources	51	185	256	492
Totals	52	195	268	515

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit				
No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1359	Socco Forest Products	Whatcom	10/02/20	New lumber saws, planer and dust collection bins, with an expected monthly production up to 4 million board feet. Dust to be controlled by a baghouse. Permits for existing equipment, which won't be modified, will also be consolidated into this permit for ease of use by the facility.

Construction permit decisions

			Processing		
Permit No.	Source	County	time (60 days max)	Project description	Action taken
GO002R1 -19	1st Class Auto Body - Hill	Skagit	1	Automotive paint spray booth with exhaust filters. This location housed a similar operation in the past. The previous operation submitted closure paperwork and changed owners, so a new permit is needed.	General order issued
1112a	Edaleen Cow Power	Whatcom	55	Modify the existing flare to ensure biogas combustion. Install biological scrubber to reduce hydrogen sulfide emissions.	Permit issued
1356	Phillips 66 Company	Whatcom	7	Modify existing storage tank 550x100 by adding air emission controls, including additional seals, to enable it to store intermediate gasoline products.	Permit issued

Construction permit decisions (cont.)

			Processing		
Permit No.	Source	County	time (60 days max)	Project description	Action taken
400f	Puget Sound Energy - Encogen Generating Station	Whatcom	1	Modify permit conditions for existing combustion turbines by removing references to ISO standard conditions and allowing the facility to track fuel use in MMBtu instead of therms. This will align the permit with the corresponding Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit (PSD 91-02 Amend. 3) issued by WA Dept. Ecology for the same equipment.	Permit issued
1355	Dakota Creek Industries	Skagit	14	New paint spray booth with exhaust filters to house spray painting of boats and boat parts that is currently done outdoors without filter controls.	Permit issued

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	lssue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4432	10/08/20	Rasars Edge LLC	Skagit	Illegal fire containing prohibited materials during a fire safety burn ban.
4431	10/09/20	Eric Schlemmer	Whatcom	Illegal removal of asbestos containing material from a 1,500-square-foot single-family rental property.
4433	10/13/20	Janicki Industries Inc.	Skagit	Failure to comply with numerous recordkeeping and reporting permit conditions.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4413	Bakerview Maintenance	Whatcom	\$1,425	\$925	Failure to conduct an asbestos survey and notify NWCAA prior to demolition of a detached garage.
4421	John Eyler	Skagit	\$750	\$750	Use of an illegal outdoor burning container (burn barrel) and burning of prohibited materials.
4425	Silvastar Forest Products LLC - Bellingham	Whatcom	\$1,000	\$1,000	Failure to operate the spray booth with all particulate filters seated without gaps.

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Penalties issued (cont.)

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ² to	Alleged violation description
4426	Silvastar Forest Products LLC - Ferndale	Whatcom	\$4,000	\$4,000	Failure to construct and operate building ventilation as permitted, operate spray coating exhaust system in accordance with permit conditions, and maintain required records and operational documentation.
4428	Phillips 66 Company	Whatcom	\$4,000	\$4,000	Excess emissions of SO2 from SRU 2 due to process upsets on 3/15/2020 and 5/11/2020 releasing excess SO2 emissions of about 194 pounds and 1,594 pounds, respectively.
4424	Zackary Wiegand	Island	\$8,050	\$8,050	Failure to use Washington state certified asbestos workers to remove asbestos present in a mobile home prior to demolition.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
09/28/20	Sierra Pacific Industries -Skagit Lumber Facility	Skagit
09/28/20	Puget Sound Energy - Encogen Generating Station	Whatcom
09/30/20	Sierra Pacific Industries -Skagit Lumber Facility	Skagit

Complaint summary

Asbestos	1
Dust, Road/Lot or Construction	1
Marijuana	2
Odor	19
Outdoor Burning	16
Woodstove	3
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	42

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