

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

DRAFT RENEWAL TO THE AIR OPERATING PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) will take action on and seeks comments on a draft Air Operating Permit renewal for the following facility:

**Sierra Pacific Industries
14654 Ovenell Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) owns and operates a lumber manufacturing facility in Skagit County, Washington. SPI is currently permitted to produce 400 million board feet (MMbf) of dimensional lumber per year. A biomass-fired cogeneration facility produces steam for heating on-site lumber drying kilns and for powering a steam turbine capable of generating 28 MW of electricity. A 95 MMBtu/hr natural gas boiler is used to produce steam for the kilns when the biomass-fired boiler is undergoing maintenance.

SPI is subject to the Title V program because its potential annual oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride (a hazardous air pollutant, HAP), and total HAP emissions exceed the applicability thresholds.

The AOP compiles existing air quality requirements and permits into one comprehensive document and establishes monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting procedures to assure compliance. The AOP does not approve emission increases or require emission decreases. The AOP must be renewed every 5 years. This action is a renewal of the existing AOP. For more information, see <http://nwcleanairwa.gov/permits-and-services/major-sources-of-air-pollution/>

Copies of the draft AOP and supporting documents are available online for review at http://nwcleanairwa.gov/the-latest/#public_notices. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, NWCAA offices are closed to the public so documents cannot be viewed at the NWCAA office; however, copies of documents will be sent to you upon request. Written comments relating to the issuance of this AOP modification must be sent April 12, 2021. Submit comments and/or requests for documents to:

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NWCAA may hold a public hearing if the agency determines that there is significant public interest. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted within the comment period. Any such requests must indicate the interest of the person or organization filing the request, and describe why a public hearing is necessary.

NWCAA is publishing this notice pursuant to the Washington State Clean Air Act (RCW 70.94). The AOP is issued pursuant to Chapter 173-401 WAC and Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.