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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY**

### **DRAFT 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 (AOP) renewal for the following facility:

**Puget Sound Energy – Whitehorn Generating Station**  
**4930 Brown Road**  
**Blaine, WA 98273**

An 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, in itself, approve any emission increases or decreases. For more information, see <http://nwcleanairwa.gov/permits-and-services/major-sources-of-air-pollution/>

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) owns and operates the Whitehorn Generating Station (PSE Whitehorn), which is located just west of the BP Cherry Point refinery in Whatcom County, Washington. PSE Whitehorn consists of two combustion turbines, oil mist collection systems, three distillate fuel storage tanks, a water purification system, two emergency generators, and an electrical substation, and has a rated output capacity of approximately 149 megawatts. PSE Whitehorn is permitted to fire either natural gas or diesel fuel in the combustion turbines.

PSE Whitehorn is required to have an AOP because the facility has the potential to emit more than 100 tons of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, and carbon monoxide per year. These air pollutants are defined as regulated pollutants in Chapter 173-401 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Copies of the draft Air Operating Permit and supporting documents are available online for review at the web link above. Written comments relating to the issuance of this draft permit must be sent within 30 days of this notice to:

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A public hearing may be held if the NWCAA 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.

The Northwest Clean Air Agency is publishing this Notice pursuant to the Washington State Clean Air Act (RCW 70.94). The Air Operating Permit is issued pursuant to Chapter 173-401 WAC and Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.