

Monthly Activity Report

April 26 to May 25, 2023

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	11	22
Registered sources	59	212	270	542
Totals	60	222	281	564

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1409	Metrie Inc.	Whatcom	05/12/23	Wood working equipment, including sanders, that vents to a dust collection system controlled by a baghouse (air pollution control).
1410	Safeway Fuel Station - Mt Vernon # 1472	Skagit	05/17/23	Replace vapor controls at an existing gas station. No new tanks added.

Construction permits issued

Permit No.	Source	County	Processing time (60 days max)	Project description
1403	Vapor Point	Skagit	1	Portable air pollution controls (thermal oxidizers with scrubbers) that will combust gases coming from storage tanks and other vessels during maintenance at refineries and other facilities.
1073b	FPE Renewables LLC	Whatcom	131*	Modification to clarify recordkeeping and reporting language in the permit. There will be no new equipment and no physical modifications to existing equipment.
1407	Hempler Foods Group LLC	Whatcom	16	Install a 300 hp natural gas boiler to replace an existing boiler.

^{*} Facility requested multiple reviews of draft permit conditions, which extended processing time.

Enforcement

Alleged violations

No.	Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4643	05/04/23	Travis & Vanessa Swalander	Skagit	Failure to apply for and obtain a demolition permit and illegal outdoor burning containing prohibited materials including a hot tub, insulation, and construction debris.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4639	Safeway Gas Station-Anacortes #0593	Skagit	\$3,000	\$3,000	Failure to obtain proper permits prior to modification of the GDF system.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
04/26/23	Puget Sound Energy - Fredonia Generating	Skagit
05/12/23	Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery	Whatcom
05/12/23	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit
05/23/23	Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant (SSI)	Whatcom
05/24/23	Marathon Anacortes Refinery	Skagit

Complaint summary

Asbestos	2
Dust, Road/Lot or Construction	1
Information Call	1
Marijuana	4
Odor	30
Outdoor Burning	17
Woodstove	1
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	56

¹ In some cases, NWCAA offers air pollution sources the opportunity to reduce their penalty by agreeing to specific actions that go beyond compliance requirements. Alternatively, a portion of a penalty may be suspended, holding the remainder of the penalty due if the violation is repeated within 5 years.





