



REGION 10
SEATTLE, WA 98101

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Mr. Mark Buford
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Re: Approval of the Northwest Clean Air Agency's Request for Updated Delegation of Authority for New Source Performance Standards

Dear Mr. Buford:

This letter is in response to your January 16, 2024, request to update and continue the delegation of authority to implement and enforce certain New Source Performance Standards, 40 CFR part 60. After review of your request, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby grants this updated delegation request, as described below, to the Northwest Clean Air Agency for those sources under your jurisdiction for the identified NSPS in effect on October 18, 2023.

Delegation Request

You have requested to update delegation of the 40 CFR part 60 NSPS that were previously delegated to NWCAA and to obtain delegation of new standards that the EPA has promulgated since your last delegation.

Your request for delegation excluded the following subparts of 40 CFR part 60: La, S, BB, BBa, AAA, OOOOb, QQQQ, and TTTT.¹

NWCAA demonstrated that on December 14, 2023, NWCAA adopted the identified provisions of 40 CFR part 60 unchanged and as in effect on October 18, 2023, into Section 104.2 of NWCAA's regulations.

Delegation of Authority

¹ Subparts S, BB, and BBa apply to primary aluminum reduction plants and Kraft pulp mills. In the State of Washington, the Department of Ecology retains the authority to regulate these sources pursuant to Washington Administrative Code 173-405-012 and 173-415-010.

The EPA has determined that NWCAA's regulations continue to provide adequate and effective procedures for implementing and enforcing the NSPS. Accordingly, the EPA hereby approves your request for an updated delegation of authority to implement and enforce the NSPS identified in Enclosure A, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. As requested by NWCAA, the delegation of requested NSPS is limited to implementation and enforcement of the NSPS as of October 18, 2023.
2. The EPA is not delegating the following provisions under 40 CFR part 60 to NWCAA:
 - a. Subparts B and Ba, which apply to the adoption and submittal of state plans and actions taken to approve or disapprove such plans by the Administrator of the EPA. These subparts are not delegable.
 - b. Subpart C, which states that several other subparts contain emission guidelines and compliance times for the control of certain designated pollutants in accordance with section 111(d) and section 129 of the Clean Air Act and subpart B of 40 CFR part 60. This subpart establishes no authority that is necessary to implement or enforce the program and is not delegable.
 - c. Subparts Cb, Cc, Cd, Ce, Cf, BBBB, DDDD, FFFF, MMMM, OOOOc, and UUUUa. These subparts specify the requirements for approval of state plans for the control of certain designated pollutants in accordance with section 111(d) and section 129 of the Clean Air Act and subpart B or Ba of 40 CFR part 60.
3. The EPA is not delegating the provisions of the Consolidated Air Rule under 40 CFR part 65. As proposed on October 28, 1998, (63 FR 57748, 57784-57786) and promulgated on December 14, 2000, (65 FR 78268, 78272), the CAR comprises alternative compliance approaches to referencing subparts in 40 CFR parts 60 and 63. Therefore, formal delegation of the CAR is not required provided the state has received formal delegation of the referencing subpart.
4. The EPA is delegating the identified federal standards as in effect on October 18, 2023. New NSPS or NSPS that are revised substantively after that date are not delegated to your agency; these remain the responsibility of the EPA.
 - a. Acceptance of this delegation does not commit your agency to request or accept delegation of future NSPS standards and requirements.
 - b. The EPA encourages your agency to update your NSPS delegation on an annual basis. This could coincide with the updating of the adoption by reference of the federal NSPS standards, which is important for maintaining the EPA's approval of your part 70 permitting program.
5. The EPA is not delegating authorities under 40 CFR part 60 that specifically indicate they cannot be delegated, that require rulemaking to implement, that affect the stringency of

the standard, equivalency determinations, or where national oversight is the only way to ensure national consistency.

6. The EPA is not delegating standards that have been vacated as a matter of federal law.
7. Implementation and enforcement of the delegated NSPS are subject to the *Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement* between the State of Washington and the EPA and its successor documents. The agreement defines roles and responsibilities, including timely and appropriate enforcement response and the maintenance of the Integrated Compliance Information System for Air via the Exchange Network. Your agency will ensure that all relevant source notification and report information is entered as provided in the agreement into the specified EPA database system to meet your recordkeeping/reporting requirements.
8. Enforcement of these delegated NSPS in your jurisdiction will be the primary responsibility of your agency. Nevertheless, the EPA may exercise its concurrent enforcement authority pursuant to sections 111(d)(2) and 113 of the Clean Air Act with respect to sources that are subject to the NSPS.
9. Your agency and the EPA should communicate sufficiently to ensure that each is fully informed and current regarding interpretation of regulations (including any unique questions about applicability) and the compliance status of subject sources in your jurisdiction.
 - a. Any records or reports provided to or otherwise obtained by your agency should be made available to the EPA upon request.
 - b. In accordance with 40 CFR 60.9, the availability to the public of information provided to or otherwise obtained by the EPA in connection with this delegation shall be governed by 40 CFR part 2.
10. Your agency will be the recipient of all notifications and reports and be the point of contact for questions and compliance issues for these delegated NSPS. The EPA may request notifications and reports from owners/operators and/or your agency, if needed.
11. Your agency will work with owners and operators of affected facilities subject to an NSPS subpart to ensure all required information is submitted to your agency. Your assistance is requested to ensure that this information, including excess emission reports and summaries, is submitted to the EPA upon request, if needed.
12. Your agency will require affected facilities to use the methods specified in 40 CFR part 60, as applicable, in performing source tests pursuant to the regulations. See 40 CFR 60.8.
13. Changes and alternatives:

- a. Your agency is not delegated the authorities under 40 CFR 60.4(b), 60.8(b) (terms 2 and 3, to the extent that the change represents an alternative or equivalent method or a *major change to testing* as defined in 40 CFR 63.90), 60.9, 60.11(b) (with respect to alternative methods), 60.11(e)(7)&(8), 60.13(a), 60.13(d)(2), and 60.13(g). Such authorities and approvals remain the responsibility of the EPA.
 - b. Your agency is not delegated the authority to approve a major change to monitoring under 40 CFR 60.13(i). A *major change to monitoring* is defined in 40 CFR 63.90.
 - c. Your agency must maintain a record of all approved alternatives to monitoring, testing, and recordkeeping/reporting requirements and provide this list of alternatives to the EPA semi-annually or more frequently if requested by the EPA. The EPA may audit any approved alternatives and disapprove any that it determines are inappropriate, after discussion with your agency. If changes are disapproved, your agency must notify the owner/operator that it must revert to the original applicable monitoring, testing, recordkeeping, and/or reporting requirements. Also, in cases where the owner/operator does not maintain the conditions which prompted the approval of the alternatives to the monitoring, testing, recordkeeping, and/or reporting requirements, your agency must require the owner/operator to revert to the original monitoring, testing, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements, or more stringent requirements, if justified.
14. Your agency's authority to implement and enforce NSPS under this delegation does not extend to sources or activities located in Indian Country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151.² Consistent with previous federal program approvals or delegations, the EPA will continue to implement the NSPS in Indian Country because your agency has not demonstrated authority over sources and activities located within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations and in other areas of Indian Country.
15. The EPA Administrator delegated to the EPA, Region 10 the authority to delegate the NSPS to any state or local agency. A state or local agency that receives delegation from the EPA, Region 10 does not have the federally recognized authority to further delegate the NSPS.
16. If the EPA determines that your agency's procedures for implementing or enforcing the NSPS are inadequate or are not being effectively carried out, this delegation may be revoked in whole or in part by written notice of the revocation. Any such revocation will be effective as of the date specified in the notice.

Unless we receive negative comments from you within ten days, this delegation is final and will be effective ten days from the date of this letter. Otherwise, no further correspondence to the EPA is needed from NWCAA to make this delegation effective. We will periodically publish a notice in the Federal Register informing the public of NWCAA's updated delegations.

² Under this definition, the EPA treats as reservations trust lands validly set aside for the use of a tribe even if the trust lands have not been formally designated as a reservation.

If you have any questions, please contact Geoffrey Glass of my staff at (206) 553-1847 or glass.geoffrey@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Enclosure A		
Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources Subparts Delegated to the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) ¹		
40 CFR Part 60 Subparts ^{2,3}		
Subpart	Description of Subpart	Delegated to NWCAA
A	General Provisions	☒
B	Adoption and Submittal of State Plans for Designated Facilities	☐
Ba	Adoption and Submittal of State Plans for Designated Facilities	☐
C	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times	☐
Ca	[Reserved]	☐
Cb	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Large Municipal Waste Combustors that are Constructed on or before September 20, 1994	☐
Cc	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills	☐
Cd	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Sulfuric Acid Production Units	☐
Ce	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Hospital/Medical/Infections Waste Incinerators	☐
Cf	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills	☐
D	Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generators	☒
Da	Electric Utility Steam Generating Units	☒
Db	Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units	☒
Dc	Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units	☒
E	Incinerators	☒
Ea	Municipal Waste Combustors for which Construction is Commenced after December 20, 1989 and on or before September 20, 1994	☒
Eb	Large Municipal Waste Combustors for which Construction is Commenced after September 20, 1994 or for which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced after June 19, 1996	☒
Ec	Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators	☒

¹ NSPS subparts listed are delegated to NWCAA as in effect on October 18, 2023.

² Additional authorities excluded from this delegation are identified in the letter accompanying this Enclosure.

³ This delegation does not include standards that have been vacated as a matter of federal law.

F	Portland Cement Plants	☒
G	Nitric Acid Plants	☒
Ga	Nitric Acid Plants for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after October 14, 2011	☒
H	Sulfuric Acid Plants	☒
I	Hot Mix Asphalt Facilities	☒
J	Petroleum Refineries	☒
Ja	Petroleum Refineries for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after May 14, 2007	☒
K	Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after June 11, 1973, and prior to May 19, 1978	☒
Ka	Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after May 18, 1978, and prior to July 23, 1984	☒
Kb	Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels (Including Petroleum Liquid Storage Vessels) For which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after July 23, 1984	☒
L	Secondary Lead Smelters for which Construction, Reconstruction or Modification Commenced after June 11, 1973 and on or before December 1, 2022	☒
La	Secondary Lead Smelters for which Construction, Reconstruction or Modification Commenced after December 1, 2022	☐
M	Secondary Brass and Bronze Production Plants	☒
N	Primary Emissions from Basic Oxygen Process Furnaces for which Construction is Commenced after June 11, 1973	☒
Na	Secondary Emissions from Basic Oxygen Process Steelmaking Facilities for which Construction is Commenced after January 20, 1983	☒
O	Sewage Treatment Plants	☒
P	Primary Copper Smelters	☒
Q	Primary Zinc Smelters	☒
R	Primary Lead Smelters	☒
S ⁴	Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants	☐
T	Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Wet-Process Phosphoric Acid Plants	☒
U	Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Superphosphoric Acid Plants	☒
V	Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Diammonium Phosphate Plants	☒

⁴ The Washington Department of Ecology retains the authority to regulate primary aluminum plants pursuant to Washington Administrative Code 173-415-010.

W	Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Triple Superphosphate Plants	☒
X	Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Granular Triple Superphosphate Storage Facilities	☒
Y	Coal Preparation and Processing Plants	☒
Z	Ferroalloy Production Facilities	☒
AA	Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarbonization Vessels Constructed after October 21, 1974, and on or before August 17, 1983	☒
AAa	Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarbonization Vessels Constructed after August 17, 1983 and on or before May 16, 2022	☒
AAb	Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarbonization Vessels Constructed after May 16, 2022	☒
BB ⁵	Kraft Pulp Mills	☐
BBa ⁶	Kraft Pulp Mill Affected Sources for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after May 23, 2013	☐
CC	Glass Manufacturing Plants	☒
DD	Grain Elevators	☒
EE	Surface Coating of Metal Furniture	☒
FF	[Reserved]	☐
GG	Stationary Gas Turbines	☒
HH	Lime Manufacturing Plants	☒
KK	Lead-Acid Battery Manufacturing Plants for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after January 14, 1980 and on or before February 23, 2022	☒
KKa	Lead-Acid Battery Manufacturing Plants for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after February 23, 2022	☒
LL	Metallic Mineral Processing Plants	☒
MM	Automobile and Light Duty Truck Surface Coating Operations for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after October 5, 1979 and on or before May 18, 2022	☒
MMa	Automobile and Light Duty Truck Surface Coating Operations for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after May 18, 2022	☒
NN	Phosphate Rock Plants	☒

⁵ The Washington Department of Ecology retains the authority to regulate Kraft pulp mills pursuant to Washington Administrative Code 173-405-012.

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PP	Ammonium Sulfate Manufacture	☒
QQ	Graphic Arts Industry: Publication Rotogravure Printing	☒
RR	Pressure Sensitive Tape and Label Surface Coating Operations	☒
SS	Industrial Surface Coating: Large Appliances	☒
TT	Metal Coil Surface Coating	☒
UU	Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacture	☒
VV	Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after January 5, 1981, and on or before November 7, 2006	☒
VVa	Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after November 7, 2006	☒
WW	Beverage Can Surface Coating Industry	☒
XX	Bulk Gasoline Terminals	☒
AAA	New Residential Wood Heaters	☐
BBB	Rubber Tire Manufacturing Industry	☒
CCC	[Reserved]	☐
DDD	Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry	☒
EEE	[Reserved]	☐
FFF	Flexible Vinyl and Urethane Coating and Printing	☒
GGG	Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after January 4, 1983, and on or before November 7, 2006	☒
GGGa	Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after November 7, 2006	☒
HHH	Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities	☒
III	Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Air Oxidation Unit Processes	☒
JJJ	Petroleum Dry Cleaners	☒
KKK	Equipment Leaks of VOC from Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after January 20, 1984, and On or before August 23, 2011	☒

LLL	SO2 Emissions from Onshore Natural Gas Processing for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after January 20, 1984, and on or before August 23, 2011	☒
MMM	[Reserved]	☐
NNN	Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Distillation Operations	☒
OOO	Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants	☒
PPP	Wool Fiberglass Insulation Manufacturing Plants	☒
QQQ	VOC Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems	☒
RRR	Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Reactor Processes	☒
SSS	Magnetic Tape Coating Facilities	☒
TTT	Industrial Surface Coating: Surface Coating of Plastic Parts for Business Machines	☒
TTTa	Industrial Surface Coating: Surface Coating of Plastic Parts for Business Machines for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced after June 21, 2022	☒
UUU	Calciners and Dryers in Mineral Industries	☒
VVV	Polymeric Coating of Supporting Substrates Facilities	☒
WWW	Municipal Solid Waste Landfills	☒
XXX	Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills That Commenced Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification After July 17, 2014	☒
YYY	[Reserved]	☐
ZZZ	[Reserved]	☐
AAAA	Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units for which Construction is Commenced after August 30, 1999 or for which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced after June 6, 2001	☒
BBBB	Emissions Guidelines and Compliance Times for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units Constructed on or before August 30, 1999	☐
CCCC	Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units	☒
DDDD	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units	☐
EEEE	Other Solid Waste Incineration Units for which Construction is Commenced after December 9, 2004, or for which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced On or after June 16, 2006	☒

FFFF	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Other Solid Waste Incineration Units that Commenced Construction on or before December 9, 2004	☐
GGGG	[Reserved]	☐
HHHH	[Reserved]	☐
IIII	Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines	☒
JJJJ	Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines	☒
KKKK	Stationary Combustion Turbines	☒
LLLL	New Sewage Sludge Incineration Units	☒
MMMM	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units	☐
NNNN	[Reserved]	☐
OOOO	Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission, and Distribution	☒
OOOOa	Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for which Construction, Modification, or Reconstruction Commenced after September 18, 2015	☒
OOOOb	Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for Which Construction, Modification or Reconstruction Commenced After December 6, 2022	☐
OOOOc	Emissions Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities	☐
PPPP	[Reserved]	☐
QQQQ	New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces	☐
TTTT	Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Electric Generating Units	☐
UUUUa	Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Compliance Times for Electric Utility Generating Units	☐