



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 the Air Operating Permit (AOP) renewal for the following facility:

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

This action is issuance of a draft renewal of the existing Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) AOP. The existing AOP was previously finalized on July 2, 2024.

The AOP renewal compiles existing air quality requirements and permits into one comprehensive document. It establishes monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting procedures to ensure that compliance with all applicable requirements can be determined. The AOP renewal does not approve any air emission increases or decreases or new construction activities.

SPI owns and operates a lumber manufacturing facility in Skagit County, Washington. 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 Air Operating Permit (aka Title V) program because potential annual emissions of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride, and total Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP) exceed the applicability thresholds.

Copies of the draft AOP renewal, technical support document, and the SPI AOP renewal application, are available online for review at <https://nwcleanairwa.gov/public-notices/>. Written comments relating to the issuance of this AOP renewal must be sent by end-of-day May 10, 2026 (public comment period open from April 10 to May 10) to:

Robyn Nabstedt
Northwest Clean Air Agency
1600 South Second Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
robynn@nwcleanairwa.gov

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 70A.15). The AOP renewal is issued pursuant to Chapter 173-401 WAC and Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.