



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY DRAFT GENERAL ORDER OF APPROVAL 005 – SPRAY COATING FACILITIES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) will take action on and seek comments on DRAFT General Order of Approval 005 – Spray Coating Facilities.

*Description:* As authorized under WAC 173-400-560 and NWCAA 121.4, NWCAA proposes to issue General Order of Approval 005 for Spray Coating Facilities. The Order provides a simplified, expedited, permitting process for eligible new and modified spray coating facilities located in NWCAA's jurisdiction (Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties, excluding tribal lands). If the Order is issued, facilities may apply for coverage under the Order. NWCAA staff will review eligibility and grant coverage where appropriate. Eligibility criteria are described in the application.

Facilities that obtain coverage under the Order will emit volatile organic compounds, particulate matter, and toxic air pollutants regulated under Chapter 173-460 WAC. The Order limits the amount of paint and solvent that can be used and requires the use of best available control technology. These requirements will reduce air pollution. Air pollution emitted from facilities covered under the Order will not cause a violation of any ambient air quality standard nor exceed an acceptable source impact level for any toxic air pollutant regulated under Chapter 173-460 WAC.

*Public Review:* Interested parties may review the draft Order and supporting information at <http://www.nwcleanairwa.gov/news-events/#public-notice>, and at the NWCAA office at 1600 South Second Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

*Submit Comments:* Written comments on NWCAA's preliminary decision to issue General Order of Approval 005 will be accepted until midnight on **May 20, 2026**. Submit comments to [christosc@nwcleanairwa.gov](mailto:christosc@nwcleanairwa.gov) or mail to the NWCAA office address (see above), attn: Christos Christoforou.

All persons must raise all issues and submit all arguments supporting their position by the end of the comment period. NWCAA cannot incorporate any supporting materials by reference unless they are part of the administrative record for this decision or are generally available reference material.

*Public Hearing:* A public hearing may be held if NWCAA determines that significant public interest exists. To request a hearing, submit the request along with any comments, following the comment process described above. If a hearing is held, NWCAA will publish a separate public notice.

*Final Determination:* NWCAA will send its final determination to all persons who submit comments and provide a return address. The final determination will also be available for review at NWCAA's office (address above).

*Appealing the Decision:* Pursuant to Chapter 43.21B RCW, NWCAA's decision may be appealed to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). To appeal, a written notice of appeal must be filed with the PCHB and a copy served upon NWCAA within 30 days of the date that NWCAA issues the Order. See <https://eluhho.wa.gov/>, PCHB, for additional information.

*Additional information:* Contact Christos Christoforou at (360) 419-6839, or e-mail [christosc@nwcleanairwa.gov](mailto:christosc@nwcleanairwa.gov).