

Monthly Activity Report

November 1 to November 30, 2015

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Portable	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	13	12	0	26
Registered sources	32	135	208	16	391
Totals	33	148	220	16	417

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1230	LaBelle & Associates - Ferndale	Whatcom	11/04/15	Construct a new facility in Ferndale and replace current scrubbers with baghouses.
1125b	Splitvane Engineers Foundry	Whatcom	11/18/15	Revise baghouse monitoring method consistent with proposed operating conditions.
1231	Cargill Nutrena - Burlington	Skagit	11/24/15	Replace old separator with new cyclone on pelleting system.

Construction permit decisions

	1		Processing		
Permit No.	Source	County	time (60 days max)	Project description	Action taken
1227	Ferndale Ready Mix - Ferndale	Whatcom	23	Adding dust collection device to truck loading equipment.	Permit issued
1226	Ferndale Ready Mix - Lynden	Whatcom	28	Adding dust collection device to truck loading equipment.	Permit issued
1151a	Pacific Woodtech Corporation	Skagit	107	Modify permit to allow increased particle load to baghouse from new chipper.	Permit issued
1217a	Janicki Bioenergy Incorporated	Skagit	22	Modify permit for omni-processor and bio-solids fuel incinerator to allow combustion of agricultural products.	Permit issued

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4187	11/09/15	Gill Property Management LLC	Whatcom	Illegal outdoor fire containing prohibited materials in the form of household garbage, furniture, dimensional lumber, painted lumber and other construction debris.
4175	11/17/15	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit	Excess sulfuric acid mist (H2SO4) emissions from the acid plant stack due to a preventable failure of an analyzer during startup.
4177	11/17/15	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit	Failed source test from the acid plant caused by installation of incorrect demister pads in an abatement unit.

Penalties issued (no penalties issued in November)

			Amount	Conditionally	
Case				reduced or	
No.	Source	County		suspended1 to	Alleged violation description

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
11/13/15	Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant	Whatcom
11/19/15	Pacific Woodtech Corporation	Skagit

Complaint summary

Odor	14
Opacity	1
Other	1
Outdoor burning	4
Particulate	1
Smoke	2
Woodstove	11
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	34

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.





