

Monthly Activity Report

February 26 to March 25, 2021

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	11	22
Registered sources	49	186	256	491
Totals	50	196	267	513

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1365	North West Gypsum	Whatcom	03/03/21	105 MMBtu/hr oil-fired dryer for drying composted chicken manure (35 tons/day) and gypsum (90 tons/day) for use as fertilizer. Dryer exhaust controlled by cyclones and a biofilter. Process includes a hammermill that vents back to the dryer. Power for the facility is provided through a stationary diesel generator.
GO002R1- 21	Nitro Autolab	Whatcom	03/04/21	New paint spray booth at an automotive repair and maintenance shop. Booth used for spray painting automobiles and automotive parts. Air from the booth vented through air filters before exhausting to the atmosphere.
289b	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	03/15/21	Modify the existing #2 cooling tower to increase the heat release rate from 500 MMBtu/hr to 750 MMBtu/hr by adding two new cooling water cells. No change to refinery feedstock processing capacity due to this project.
1366	Silfab Solar Washington	Skagit	03/19/21	Equipment for manufacturing and assembling solar panels at a new solar panel facility.

Construction permit decisions

			Processing		
Permit No.	Source	County	time (60 days max)	Project description	Action taken
1364	APP Apollo Inc.	Whatcom	17	New paint spray booth with exhaust filters, an autoclave, and an oven for making custom parts for sports cars.	Permit not required.
1098c	Skagit Ready Mix Concrete	Skagit	58	Replace 160 cubic yd/hr concrete batch plant with 220 cubic yd/hr dry-mix batch plant, and install new silos. Dust controlled by dust collectors and baghouses. Some existing equipment (silos, baghouse, dust collectors) retained; some worn-out equipment replaced.	Permit issued.
847d	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	57	Clarify when Hydrocracker 2nd Stage Fractionation Reboiler NOx testing is required. No changes to existing equipment.	Permit issued.
527f	BP West Coast Products LLC	Whatcom	57	Clarify when Truck Loading Rack VOC testing is required. No changes to existing equipment.	Permit issued.

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4458	02/26/21	Perdue Foods - Burlington Mill	Skagit	Failure to maintain records and report in accordance with permit and federal regulations.
4460	03/15/21	North West Gypsum	Whatcom	Failure to submit a complete Notice of Construction application prior to construction of a chicken manure and gypsum drying operation. On March 10, 2021 NWCAA received odor complaints from neighboring properties. Failure to employ air pollution controls caused or contributed to the odor impacts.
4461	03/23/21	Sierra Pacific Industries - Skagit Lumber Facility	Skagit	Insufficient operation and maintenance practices and resources consistent with good air pollution control practices indicated by 11 boiler upsets with excess emissions occurring between September 2020 and February 2021 resulting from reasonably preventable conditions.
4462	03/23/21	Claudio Meliton Bernal	Skagit	Illegal outdoor fires containing vegetation and prohibited materials in the form of construction debris and garbage. Fires were found unattended; pile size estimated at 7'x10' on both 3/8/2021 and 3/9/2021 by fire officials.

Alleged violations (cont.)

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4463	03/23/21	Air Liquide L.P.	Skagit	Failure to submit the annual AOP certification that was due on February 28 (AOP term 2.4.1).
4459	03/25/21	Shell Puget Sound Refinery	Skagit	Shell Puget Sound Refinery (Shell or PSR), allowed or caused to allow, 2 refinery flaring events of regulated materials that exceeded allowable visible emissions with one event releasing odors that impacted the surrounding community on August 19, and September 29, 2020.
4464	03/25/21	Pacific Woodtech Corporation	Skagit	Failure to submit second half of 2020 semiannual compliance certification; due 01/30/21, and the annual AOP certification; due on 02/28/2021.

Penalties issued (none this period)

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date Source		County	
03/07/21	Shell Puget Sound Refinery	Skagit	
03/17/21	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit	

Complaint summary

Asbestos	2
Industrial Emissions	3
Odor	3
Outdoor Burning	15
Smoke	1
Woodstove	14
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	38





