

Monthly Activity Report

July 26 to August 25, 2021

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	11	22
Registered sources	52	198	260	510
Totals	53	208	271	532

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
1375	Skagit River Sawmill	Skagit	07/26/21	New sawmill that processes up to 17,800 tons/yr of logs. Equipment includes log debarking, sawing, chipping, and handling equipment. Sawmill also chips waste wood and handles sawdust.
1269a	Envent Corporation	Whatcom	07/28/21	Permit modification to use the EMECS 20 thermal oxidizer to control hydrocarbon vapors from non-maintenance activities at the Petrogas Ferndale Terminal for 12 months or more.
1297b	Pacific Rim Tonewoods	Skagit	07/29/21	Permit modification to enable the drying of more wood and additional species of wood in existing kilns.
1376	Lautenbach Recycling	Skagit	07/30/21	Mobile rock crusher (200 ton/hr capacity) and wood grinder (450 yds/hr capacity) to operate throughout Whatcom, Island, and Skagit counties.

Construction permit decisions – none this period

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4504	08/03/21	Pacific Woodtech Corporation	Skagit	Pacific Woodtech failed to submit their annual 2020 emission inventory by the April 15, 2021, deadline.
4506	08/03/21	Pacific Woodtech Corporation	Skagit	Failure to submit an NOC application and notification for the replacement of the burner on the Line 1 thermal oil heater.
4507	08/03/21	Pacific Woodtech Corporation	Skagit	Failure to conduct required monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting and delayed or undocumented corrective actions as required by applicable permit terms regarding process vents and air pollution control equipment.
4508	08/04/21	Brian Shelley Properties LLC	Skagit	Illegal removal and disposal of asbestos containing material from a manufactured single family residence.
4509	08/16/21	North Shore Maintenance Inc.	Skagit	Failure to operate and maintain facility in accordance with good air pollution control practices including; containing abrasive blasting media, maintaining and operating spray coating booth, spray coating within permitted areas, use enclosed cleaning devices, covering solvents, and recording required information.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4465	Sergey &	Skagit	\$563	\$263	Illegal outdoor burning of prohibited materials
	Nadezhda Melnik				(household garbage).

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
08/08/21	BP Products North America, Inc.	Whatcom
08/13/21	Marathon Anacortes Refinery	Skagit
08/21/21	Puget Sound Energy - Ferndale Generating Station	Whatcom

Complaint summary

Agricultural	3
Dust, Road/Lot or Construction	10
Industrial Emissions	2
Marijuana	1
Odor	11
Outdoor Burning	15
Woodstove	1
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	43

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.





