

Monthly Activity Report

September 26 to October 25, 2022

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	2	10	11	23
Registered sources	60	212	270	542
Totals	62	222	281	565

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
GO003R1-31	La Conner Road Shell	Skagit	10/7/2022	New gasoline dispensing station with storage tank (Stage 1) vapor controls.

Construction permits issued

Permit No.	Source	County	time (60 days max)	Project description
GO003R1-31	La Conner Road Shell	Skagit	1	New gasoline dispensing station with storage tank (Stage 1) vapor controls.
1393	North Shore Blast & Paint	Skagit	12	One paint spray booth with dry filters on the air exhaust for air pollution control. One sand blasting booth with a baghouse on the exhaust for air pollution control.
1371	Skagit Soils Inc.	Skagit	226*	Expansion of composting operations up to 44,001 tons/yr. For expansion - active phase composting will take place in aerated static piles covered with finished compost (a pseudo biofilter) to reduce odors and volatile organic compound emissions.

^{*} Extended timeline due to discussion with facility about system design

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4615	10/04/22	Puget Sound Energy - Ferndale Generating Station	Whatcom	Unpermitted releases of ammonia from the turbine exhaust stack.
4619	10/04/22	Sierra Pacific Industries -Skagit Lumber Facility	Skagit	Failure to submit required reports (three semiannual and one quarterly) timely.
4616	10/17/22	Affordable Autoworks, LLC	Whatcom	Failure to install filters, maintain records, and keep solvents covered.
4617	10/17/22	Anacortes Refinery*	Skagit	Insufficient weatherization to prevent operational upsets and excess emissions that occurred 12/26-28/2021.
4620	10/17/22	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit	Insufficient weatherization to prevent operational upsets and excess emissions that occurred 12/26-29/2021.
4621	10/17/22	Anacortes Refinery*	Skagit	Failure to maintain replacement nozzles for the wet gas scrubber (WGS) resulting in an extended outage and emissions of SO2 (91 lbs) and excess opacity from the flare and PM (3.9 tons) from the FCCU diversion stack.
4622	10/17/22	Kenton Arendse	Skagit	Illegal outdoor burning in a burn barrel during a fire safety burn ban.

^{*}Marathon Anacortes Refinery

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4567	Silvastar Forest Products LLC - Ferndale	Whatcom	\$4,000	\$4,000	Failure to maintain records (repeat violations), submit 2021 emission inventory information, and follow work practices to minimize VOC and HAP emissions.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
10/10/22	Puget Sound Refinery*	Skagit
10/19/22	Puget Sound Refinery*	Skagit
10/21/22	Anacortes Refinery**	Skagit
10/21/22	Anacortes Refinery**	Skagit

^{*}Hollyfrontier Puget Sound Refining

^{**}Marathon Anacortes Refinery

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.

Complaint summary

Agricultural	1
Asbestos	3
Dust, Road/Lot or Construction	4
Industrial Emissions	2
Odor	32
Outdoor Burning	9
Smoke	3
Woodstove	1
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	55





