

Monthly Activity Report

March 26 to April 25, 2023

Regulated sources, by county

	Island	Skagit	Whatcom	Total
Air operating permit sources	1	10	11	22
Registered sources	59	213	270	542
Totals	60	223	281	564

Permitting

Construction permit applications received

Permit No.	Source	County	Received	Project description
0827c	Marathon Anacortes Refinery	Skagit	04/11/23	Modification to permit monitoring conditions to increase clarity for existing refinery equipment. No new equipment and no physical changes to existing equipment.
1408	Janicki Industries Inc.	Skagit	04/13/23	New booth for sanding of primer-coated parts and spray coating of composite and metal parts for the aerospace industry. Particulate matter will be controlled by filters before booth air exhausts outdoors.
1327b	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	Island	04/20/23	Modification to existing permit to clarify permit conditions for two existing boilers at the central heating plant. No new equipment and no physical changes to existing equipment.
RO51	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	Island	04/20/23	Request to rescind two construction permits for small gas fire units like water heaters that no longer require permitting under present-day construction permitting regulations.

Construction permits issued

P				Processing time (60		
	Permit No.	Source	County	days max)	Project description	
	GO002R1-23	Grand Central Collision Inc.	Whatcom	1	New spray coating booth for automotive refinishing	

Construction permits issued (cont.)

Marathon Anacortes Refinery Skagit 20 Modification to permit to remove ability to burn fuel oil at existing steam-generating equipment in the Selective Hydrogenation Unit. Marathon Anacortes Refinery Skagit 48 Modification to permit to remove ability to burn fuel oil at existing steam-generating equipment in the Butane Isomerization Unit. Marathon Anacortes Refinery Skagit 30 Modification to permit to remove obsolete requirements. No physical modifications to equipment. No physical modifications to equipment. Skagit Replace vapor controls at an existing gas station. No new tanks or dispensers added. Marathon Anacortes Refinery Skagit Modification to permit for truck rack to remove obsolete requirements. No new equipment and no physical changes to existing equipment.	Permit No.	Source	County	Processing time (60 days max)	Project description
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	1171a	Marathon Anacortes Refinery	Skagit	31	obsolete requirements. No new equipment and no

Enforcement

Alleged violations

Case No.	Issue Date	Source	County	Alleged violation description
4642	04/14/23	Burlington United Reformed Church & Melanie Schut	Skagit	Illegal outdoor burning of prohibited materials within a UGA.

Penalties issued

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ¹ to	Alleged violation description
4597	Conway Feed	Skagit	\$2,000	\$2,000	NWCAA conducted a facility inspection on July 20, 2022, finding fugitive dust control, recordkeeping, and reporting failures.
4636	Derrick Drafts	Whatcom	\$1,500	\$1,500	Illegal outdoor burn consisting of a 1970s Chevrolet pickup truck, a boat, and a boat trailer in an excavated pit.

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Penalties issued (cont.)

Case No.	Source	County	Amount	Conditionally reduced or suspended ² to	Alleged violation description
4637	Sierra Pacific Industries -Skagit Lumber Facility	Skagit	\$63,000	\$63,000	Operation of the wood-fired boiler resulting in 30.7 tons excess carbon monoxide (CO) emissions released during the period 6/19/2022 through 7/11/2022.
4640	Nathan & Rebecca Balcom & Ramona Litterell Estate	Whatcom	\$750	\$750	Illegal outdoor burning of prohibited materials including household trash, particle board, and plastics in a burn barrel.

Industry reports of process upsets with potential excess emissions

Date	Source	County
03/26/23	BP Cherry Point Refinery	Whatcom
03/27/23	Chemtrade Solutions LLC	Skagit
04/09/23	Hollyfrontier Puget Sound Refining	Skagit
04/23/23	Marathon Anacortes Refinery	Skagit
04/25/23	Puget Sound Energy - Fredonia Generating	Skagit

Complaint summary

Dust, Road/Lot or Construction	1
Industrial Emissions	1
Marijuana	3
Odor	5
Outdoor Burning	11
Particulate	1
Woodstove	4
TOTAL: (unique for the period)	26

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