



## **Air Quality Program Notice of Public Hearing**

### **Reducing Haze-Causing Emissions From Industrial Plants**

Ecology will hold a public hearing to receive comments on plans to reduce emissions from six industrial plants in Washington. These plants emit air pollutants that cause or contribute to visibility-limiting haze in national parks and wilderness areas. The federal government has directed states to reduce regional haze. Air pollutants that cause haze include fine particles, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides.

#### **How will emissions be reduced?**

Ecology is working with the owners of six industrial plants:

- The BP Cherry Point refinery in Whatcom County;
- The Alcoa Intalco Works aluminum smelter in Whatcom County;
- The Tesoro refinery in Skagit County;
- The Lafarge cement plant in Seattle;
- The Port Townsend Paper Corporation mill; and
- The Weyerhaeuser Corporation paper mill in Longview.

Each of these plants will reduce their emissions through Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART). BART is used for emission units that never met current emission limits, because they were in use before those limits became effective. BART means the existing equipment is updated with technology to reduce its emissions as much as possible. To be selected as BART, a control technology must be available, technically feasible, cost effective, and improve visibility. It must also have a low chance of causing any other negative environmental effects.

#### **Hearing schedule**

A public hearing is scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 27, 2009  
6:00 p.m.  
Ecology Headquarters Building, Auditorium  
300 Desmond Drive  
Lacey, WA

## How to review and comment

The proposed BART determinations and related documents will be available for review at the following locations:

Bellingham Public Library  
210 Central Avenue  
CS-9710  
Bellingham, WA 98227-9710  
360-778-7323

Mount Vernon City Library  
315 Snoqualmie Street  
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273  
360-336-6209

Seattle Public Library – Central Library  
1000 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104  
206-386-4636

Port Townsend Public Library  
1220 Lawrence Street  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-385-3181

Longview Public Library  
1600 Louisiana Street  
Longview, WA 98632  
360-442-5300

Ecology will accept comments from September 15 through November 6, 2009. Send comments to:

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## For more information

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[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/globalwarm\\_RegHaze/bart/bartinformation.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/globalwarm_RegHaze/bart/bartinformation.html)

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