

# **Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment**

## **Department of Ecology Draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit**

### **Permit Applicant:**

**The Boeing Company  
Boeing Commercial Airplanes – Renton Facility  
737 Logan Avenue North  
Renton, Washington 98055**

### **What project is proposed for approval?**

The Boeing Company (Boeing) proposes to make changes to their airplane manufacturing facility in Renton, Washington, to enable an increase in the production rate of 737 model airplanes. The project is intended to increase 737 production capacity at the Renton facility from a maximum of about 376 airplanes per year to a projected maximum of about 504 airplanes per year. Boeing will replace four existing wing panel spray booths in Building 4-20 with four new booths at another location in Building 4-20. In Building 4-86, Boeing will add a new wing booth and increase the exhaust rate on one existing spar spray booth to improve the quality of the paint finish. Other changes related to this project include adding a new wing horizontal build line in Building 4-20 (some of which will occupy the space that the four current wing panel spray booths occupy), installing a new wing riveter, and installing other miscellaneous assembly tooling in Building 4-20. There are no other physical changes or changes in method of operation anticipated at the Renton facility as a result of this project.

Boeing's Renton facility is a major source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). The project will increase annual emissions from the Boeing Renton facility, including from the new and modified spray booths as well as from the existing boilers which supply steam to certain process equipment used in 737 manufacturing. Annual VOC emissions are estimated to increase by up to approximately 97 tons.

A Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit is required from the Department of Ecology (Ecology) because the net VOC emission increase from this project exceeds 40 tons per year. The type and magnitude of the project also necessitates a Notice of Construction Order of Approval (NOC) permit from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA). An NOC will be obtained from PSCAA as a separate action.

### **What is Ecology proposing to do?**

Ecology is proposing to approve the project. The agency has made a preliminary determination that this project satisfies all of the requirements for a PSD permit.

## **How can you review the draft permit?**

You can review copies of the draft permit and all supporting materials by contacting:

Washington State Department of Ecology  
Air Quality Program  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
Phone: (360) 407-6803

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Attn: Stella Nehen  
1904 Third Avenue – Suite 105  
Seattle, WA 98101  
Phone: (206) 689-4011

Renton Main Library  
Attn: Reference Desk  
100 Mill Avenue South  
Renton, WA 98057  
Phone: (425) 226-6043

You can also find copies on Ecology's website at:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/psd/psd\\_publiccomments.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/psd/psd_publiccomments.html)

## **How can you comment on the draft approval?**

Ecology will accept comments on this project until October 13, 2011. Send written comments to:

David Ogulei  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Air Quality Program  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600  
Or e-mail: [david.ogulei@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:david.ogulei@ecy.wa.gov)

Anyone (including the applicant) who objects to any condition of the draft approval must raise all issues and submit all arguments supporting their position by the end of the comment period. You must submit all supporting materials in full. Materials cannot be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record in the same proceeding or are generally available reference materials.

## **Will there be a public hearing?**

A public hearing may be held if Ecology determines within the 30-day public comment period that significant public interest exists. Additionally, any member of the public may request within the 30-day public comment period that a public hearing be held for the project. Such requests must include reasons for requesting the hearing. If a public hearing is held, Ecology will notify the public of the date, time and venue for the hearing no earlier than 30 days prior to the hearing date.

**When will Ecology make a final decision?**

Following the close of the public comment period (October 13, 2011) or shortly after the public hearing (if one is held), Ecology will make a final determination about the project and send copies of it to everyone who submitted comments. We will also file the final determination at the locations listed above for public review.

**Can a decision be appealed?**

Yes. Within 30 calendar days after the final decision, the PSD permit may be appealed. Anyone who commented on a draft PSD permit may appeal the final PSD permit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19, or to the State of Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). Anyone who did not file comments or participate in the public hearing may petition for administrative review only on the changes made between the draft approval and the final approval.

**For more information contact:**

Same contacts as listed under “How can you comment on the draft approval?”

This Notice is published pursuant to WAC 173-400-171. The PSD permit is being processed in accordance with WAC 173-400-700 through 740.