

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment



Announcement of proposed air emission permit for:

**Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc.
Mount Vernon, Washington**

What project is proposed for approval?

Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc (SPI) proposes to revise their existing Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit (PSD 05-04, Amendment 1). SPI is a lumber manufacturing facility located at 14353 McFarland Road, Mount Vernon, Washington. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) administers the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program in Washington State. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-400-740(1)(c) requires public notice about this proposed permit revision.

SPI has six double-track steam-heated lumber dry kilns that emit particulate matter (PM) emissions. The proposed revision to the PSD permit will lower the emission factor (EF) for western hemlock that is used in calculating PM emissions from the dry kilns. The emission factor in the permit is now 0.04 lb PM/PM10/PM2.5 per thousand board feet (Mbf); this revision will lower it to 0.02 lb PM/PM10/PM2.5/Mbf.

WAC 173-400-740(3)(e) requires that all public notices list how much increment (or the amount of pollution an area is allowed to increase) will be consumed by the project. Because this project will not increase PM and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, which are the two pollutants associated with dry kilns, no increment will be consumed by this project. The maximum allowed emissions of PM and volatile organic compounds will remain unchanged.

What is Ecology is proposing to do?

Ecology is proposing to approve this SPI permit revision (PSD 05-04, Amendment 2). This would authorize SPI to use the revised emission factor when drying western hemlock in compliance with applicable PSD related state and federal air emission regulations.

How can you review the proposed permit?

You can review copies of the preliminary determination PSD permit, its Technical Support Document (TSD), and the project application on the Ecology PSD permitting web site at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/psd/psd_publiccomments.html.

You can also view them during business hours at the following locations:

Northwest Clean Air Agency
1600 South Second Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5202

Washington State Department of Ecology
Air Quality Program
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, WA 98503

How can you comment on the preliminary determination or get more information?

Written comments on this project will be accepted until October 13, 2013. Send comments and/or questions about the PSD permit to:

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Anyone (including the applicant) who objects to any condition of the proposed approvals 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. They cannot be incorporated by reference unless they are already part of the administrative record in the same proceeding or are generally available reference material.

Will there be a public hearing?

It depends. The applicant, any interested governmental entity, any group, or any person may request a public hearing within the 30-day public comment period. A request must explain the interest of the entity filing it and why a hearing is warranted. Even if no one requests a public hearing, Ecology may hold one if we determine there is significant public interest. If Ecology determines that a hearing is warranted, the public will be notified of the location, date, and time of the hearing at least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. The public comment period will be extended through the hearing date.

Can a decision be appealed?

Yes. Following the public comment period and a public hearing (if a hearing is held), Ecology will make final determinations about the project and send copies of them to everyone who submitted comments. Ecology will also file its determination at the locations listed above for public review.

Within 30 calendar days after Ecology issues its final decisions, anyone who commented on the preliminary determination may appeal the decision to the EPA Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) under 40 CFR 124.19, or to the State of Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) under Chapter 371-08 WAC and Chapter 43.21B RCW. Anyone who did not file comments or participate in the public hearing (if held) may petition for administrative review only on the changes made between the preliminary determination and the final approval. More information on appeals is available at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/psd/psd_appeals.html

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