

Public Comment/Hearing Notice

Solid Waste and Financial Assistance

April 2009

Port Townsend Paper Corporation

Opportunity to Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the Proposed:

- Reissuance of Port Townsend Paper Corporation's (PTPC's) Air Operating Permit (AOP), and
- Modifications to PTPC's Air Order No. 2892 05AQ

We are accepting public comments from April 29 through June 15, 2009. You may comment on the entire proposed Permit and the proposed modifications to the Order. The introductory portion of the Order lists the modifications.

Attend a Public Meeting and Hearing

Ecology is holding a public meeting and hearing on these proposed documents on June 2, 2009 at Fort Worden State Park. The meeting will be held in the USO Hall and starts at 7:00 PM. A public hearing will follow.

During the meeting, Ecology will present a summary of changes included in the proposed Permit and modifications to the Consolidated Order. Ecology will also provide an update on progress made on mill emission data collection as required in Agreed Order No. 5771.

Ecology will accept oral and written comments on the proposed Permit and modifications to Order No. 2892 05AQ during the hearing.

Requirement to have an AOP

PTPC operates a pulp and paper mill in Port Townsend, WA. Federal and state laws require pulp and paper mills operating in Washington to obtain an AOP from Ecology. The permit compiles existing requirements PTPC must comply with. The permit must be renewed every five years.

Proposed Permit and Modified Order

Ecology renewed PTPC's AOP on January 17, 2007. The renewed permit was appealed to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). The PCHB ordered Ecology to

DATES AND LOCATIONS

COMMENT PERIOD

April 29 to June 15, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING

June 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Fort Worden State Park
USO Hall
200 Battery Way
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Read the proposed permit and modified order at these locations:

Port Townsend Public Library
1220 Lawrence Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
Phone: (360)385-3181

WA Department of Ecology
Industrial Section
300 Desmond Way SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Phone (360) 407-6942

Online at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_porttown.html

Send written comments by 5:00 P.M. on June 15, 2009 to:

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reconsider the permit in light of comments Ecology had received from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and reissue the Permit after public review.

Modifications complying with the PCHB order are summarized in the proposed Permit's Support Document Supplement. The Supplement also notes other changes.

Content of the Proposed Permit and Support Document

The permit compiles requirements that PTPC must comply with, such as:

- Air emissions limits
- Monitoring and reporting requirements, and
- Facility-wide general requirements.

The permit also includes citations to Ecology's authority for the various requirements.

The Support Document explains some of the legal and technical issues Ecology considered when writing the permit. It discusses mill pollution control equipment and compliance demonstration methods.

There is also a Support Document Supplement, which includes a summary of the proposed modifications to the permit.

Content of the Proposed Modified Consolidated Order

Order No. 2892 05AQ places limits and requirements on some PTPC air emissions. Ecology proposes modifying the Order to help meet PCHB requirements for the Permit. The introductory portion of the Order lists the modifications.

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