

# Simpson Tacoma Kraft, LLC

### Opportunity to comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed Air Operating Permit (AOP) for Simpson Tacoma Kraft, LLC.

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail March 10, 2011 – April 11, 2011. You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. To request a hearing or further information such as the draft permit, application or support documents, contact:

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If we determine there is significant public interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice of the hearing and will publish the time, date and location. Once the comment period ends, we will review comments and make appropriate changes before finalizing and issuing the permit.

### Changes to the permit

Changes to the permit include:

- Clarification to the basis of authority and allowance for an existing bubble cap on particulate for conditions A.1 (recovery furnace #4), B.1 (lime kilns #1 and #2) and C.3 (smelt tanks #4E and #4W).
- Clarification added for how surrogate monitoring parameters can be adjusted over time for condition B.4 (lime kilns #1 and #2).
- Adding applicable requirements from Order No 5157-AQ07 for conditions D.1.b and D.1.c (power boiler #6).

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### Comment period

March 10 – April 11, 2011

#### Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Tacoma Main Public Library  
1102 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Department of Ecology  
Industrial Section  
300 Desmond Way SE  
Lacey, WA 98504  
(360) 407-6916

Online:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/industry/proposed.asp>

#### Submit written comments to:

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- Adding applicable requirements from Order PSD-06-02 for conditions E.1 (cogen cooling tower), E.2.b,c,d, E.3 and E.5 (all for power boiler #7).
- Adding condition 11 about credible evidence to the facility-wide requirements.

**AOP permit**

The Environmental Protection Agency delegated responsibility for this permit to Ecology. It is:

- Issued every five years.
- Required of facilities emitting large amounts of air pollutants.
- A legally enforceable document.
- Required for the mill to operate.

It:

- Compiles applicable federal and state laws, rules and orders into one document, which
  - Requires monitoring, testing and record keeping for specified emissions.
  - Requires regular reporting, annual statement by the mill that it met its air requirements in the permit.
- Gives Ecology authority to set additional monitoring requirements to ensure compliance.
- Provides the public with legal options if the mill doesn't comply with its air emissions limits.
- Can't include additional limits or standards outside federal/state law unless written into a legal order and put into effect.

**Facility information**

Simpson Tacoma Kraft is located at 801 Portland Avenue in Tacoma. Employing approximately 400 people, the mill produces about 1300 tons of bleached and unbleached packaging-grade paper and unbleached kraft pulp each day.