

# Port Townsend Paper Corporation

## Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on Port Townsend Paper Corporation's (PTPC's):

- Notice of Construction (NOC) Order No. 10453
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)

We will accept comments by mail, e-mail or fax February 26 – March 28, 2014.

## Background

PTPC operates a Kraft pulp and paper mill in Port Townsend, WA. On December 3, 2013, Ecology received PTPC's application to modify Paper Machine No. 2 by adding two refiners in front of the machine.

According to the application, adding the refiners will:

- Improve product quality.
- Allow the paper machine to process certain grades of paper at a faster speed than they're currently able to. This may result in an up to 2% increase in paper production.
- Require the mill to make more kraft pulp, increasing production up to 1% above recent production levels.

Under Washington Administrative Code 173-400-110, the mill must submit a NOC application for this project, and Ecology must issue them an Order for the modification to take place.

This project does not qualify for an exemption under SEPA, and Ecology must issue a determination.

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

### Comment period

February 26, 2014 –  
March 28, 2014

### Read the proposed order and SEPA DNS at these locations

Port Townsend Public Library  
1220 Lawrence Street  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Dept of Ecology  
300 Desmond Way SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Online:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp\\_porttown.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_porttown.html)

### Submit written comments to:

Stephanie Ogle, P.E.  
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Industrial Section  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600  
PTPC.comments@ecy.wa.gov

### Special accommodations

If you require special accommodations or need this document in a version for the visually impaired, call the Waste 2 Resources program at (360) 407-6900.

Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

**Proposed order**

Ecology proposes to approve this project. The order would not allow:

- Modifications to any emission units at the facility.
- The mill to emit more pollutants than currently allowed by their Air Operating Permit. Permit limits will remain the same.

Based on the application, non-significant increases in air pollutants are expected from the following air emission units:

- Paper Machine No. 2
- Smelt Dissolving Tank
- Recovery Furnace
- Lime Kiln
- Power Boiler #10

**Expected total emission increases due to project**

Pollutant	Current AOP Millwide Limit (tpy)	2012 Emissions (tpy)	Total Expected Emissions Increase (tpy)
Total suspended particulate	729	483	3.93
Particulate Matter (PM) 10			3.20
PM 2.5			2.55
Sulfur dioxide	1300	187	14.63
Nitrous oxides	645	493	8.44
Carbon monoxide	6204	784	5.08
Volatile organic compounds	182	49	0.81
Total reduced sulfur	31.7	12	0.14
Hydrogen sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)			0.12
Sulfuric acid mist (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )			0.63
Biogenic greenhouse gases (GHGs)*		523,000	5,122
Non-biogenic GHGs*		91,800	3,378

*\*Laws separate GHG emissions into those created by wood (biogenic) and non-wood (non-biogenic) sources.*

More information on the project, including the application, support documents, and SEPA checklist is available at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp\\_porttown.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_porttown.html).

When the comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments received and make appropriate changes to the order before issuing it. You may request a public hearing. To make a request, you must state, in writing:

- Your interest in filing the request.
- Why the hearing is necessary.

Send your hearing request to:

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If we determine there's significant interest to hold a hearing, we'll extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice of the hearing and publish the time, date and location.

**Facility description**

The mill is located at 100 Mill Road in Port Townsend. It:

- Produced an average of 624 tons/day of unbleached Kraft pulp and 267 tons/day of old corrugated cardboard pulp between September 2004 and June 2012. The unbleached pulp is either sold or processed into paper for sale.
- Employs approximately 325 people.