Proposed Rule Changes for SWCAA 400 General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources

SWCAA 400 "General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources" are the general regulations with which the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) regulates the emission of air contaminants from sources within the jurisdiction of SWCAA. The purpose of the regulations is to prevent violations of federal, state and local air standards and to implement the Washington Clean Air Act (Chapter 70.94 RCW).

SWCAA is proposing to make changes to SWCAA 400 "General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources" to do the following: update federal regulation adoptions, revise references to 70.94 RCW, update definitions, incorporate new alternative opacity standards for boilers, revise noticing and registration requirements for portable sources, prohibit cyclonic burn barrels, remove outdated startup/shutdown provisions, adopt permit extension procedures, establish new emission inventory submittal deadline for gasoline stations, create new rule sections regarding credible evidence and agency information requests, clarify the procedure for Title V fee review, and make minor administrative edits. Subsequent to adoption, SWCAA intends to request implementation authority from US EPA for the compliance plans in 40 CFR 62 Subparts HHH, III, JJJ, and LLL.

The proposed rules are available for review at www.swcleanair.gov/regs/proposedrules.asp or from Wess Safford at (360) 574-3058, ext 126. SWCAA will hold an online public hearing regarding these proposals on June 23, 2021 at 6 pm. Attendees must register with the Agency prior to the hearing.

Public comment will be accepted from April 8, 2021 through June 23, 2021. Comments can be submitted to SWCAA in writing, to SWCAA at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294, Vancouver, WA 98682 or emailed to Wess Safford at wess@swcleanair.org. Comments will be presented to SWCAA's Board of Directors before a final decision is made. SWCAA intends to submit the proposed revisions for consideration and adoption at the Board of Director's meeting on August 5, 2021.