

**SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 4, 2019  
END OF COMMENT PERIOD – DECEMBER 6, 2019  
for  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SWCAA 491 CONCERNING  
GASOLINE DISPENSING FACILITIES**

## **HEARING OFFICER REPORT/ RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) seeks comment on proposed rules that would update SWCAA rules to require removal of Stage II vapor recovery systems that are incompatible with onboard refueling vapor recovery starting in 2020. SWCAA's proposal was available for review and comment at <http://www.swcleanair.org/regs/proposedrules.asp?nav=regs>.

The proposed rules would update SWCAA rules to require removal of Stage II vapor recovery systems that are incompatible with onboard refueling vapor recovery starting in 2020. The proposed rules would also update SWCAA rules to allow removal of compatible Stage II vapor recovery systems starting in 2023. Removal of Stage II vapor recovery systems could result in minor increases in emissions at some stations. To minimize any emission increases due the removal of Stage II vapor recovery systems, the proposed rules would require gasoline dispensing facilities to install low drip nozzles and larger volume gasoline dispensing facilities to install low permeation hoses.

SWCAA held a public hearing regarding these proposals at its office on December 4th at 6 pm.

Comments were due by December 6th. Any comments will be presented to SWCAA's Board of Directors before a final decision is made. The proposed revisions to the gasoline dispensing facility rules will be considered for adoption at a hearing at SWCAA's January 2nd Board of Director's meeting. The January Board meeting will be held at SWCAA's office at 3:00 p.m.

### Summary:

- No one from the public attended the public hearing.
- Two comments were received during the rulemaking process:

*Comment 1:* I am interested in knowing how it impacts us. Correct me if I am wrong, but after reading the regulation it sounds like the only impact to Clark PUD will be the no-drip dispenser dispensing nozzles of which is a great change.

*Response 1:* Dripless nozzles would only apply to gasoline dispensing facilities with an annual gasoline throughput greater than three hundred sixty thousand gallons annual throughput in Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties and greater than two hundred thousand gallons annual throughput in Clark County.

*Comment 2:* This is really good news, that you for the notification.

*Response 2:* SWCAA appreciates your comment.