Public Notice:

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) invites the public to submit written comments on draft revisions to the Air Operating Permit (AOP) and associated Technical Support Document (TSD) for the McKinley Paper Company – Washington Mill (McKinley) located at 1815 Marine Drive in Port Angeles, Washington.

Notice Summary:

McKinley's AOP and TSD are being revised to correct factual errors, clarify recordkeeping and reporting requirements and change the required means for monitoring sulfur dioxide emissions. Revisions are annotated: Strike-outs identifying deleted language and underlined text identifying added language. Only revised language of the AOP and TSD are open for public comment.

The draft revisions to McKinley's AOP and TSD are available for review and comment from January 6, 2022 through 5 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022.

How do I get information?

Copies of the draft AOP and associated TSD for McKinley are available for review or downloading from ORCAA's website under the "News and Information" page at:

https://www.orcaa.org/news-info/

If you do not have internet access or need assistance, please call ORCAA at: (360) 539-7610

How can I participate?

To submit your comments for the public record, send them by mail, fax or email to:

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency

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Comments should pertain to adequacy of the AOP and TSD in assuring compliance with applicable air quality regulations and standards. Any concerned party may request a public hearing within the specified public comment period. The request should include information to justify the need for a public hearing. If there is significant public interest, ORCAA will hold and will provide advanced notice of a public hearing.

All comments are due by 5 p.m., February 7, 2022.

What happens after the public comment period ends?

ORCAA will consider and provide responses to all comments received during the comment period. If there is significant public concern, ORCAA will schedule a public hearing and provide 30-days advanced notice. Notice of ORCAA's final action on the McKinley's AOP will be provided to all persons and entities who submitted comments during the public comment period and, in conjunction with the public hearing if one is held.

About the facility:

The McKinley facility in Port Angeles is an integrated pulp and paper mill that produces packaging grade brown paper and containerboard from recycled feedstock. The facility currently includes a recycle pulp plant, two paper machines, a wastewater treatment plant, landfill (off-site) and a 20 MW biomass-fueled combined heat and power (CHP) plant. McKinley's pulp plant is a single-line continuous recycle pulper with a design capacity of 900 oven-dry tons of pulp per day. The two paper machines are currently permitted at a combined production capacity of 840 air-dried tons per day (ADT/day).

What air pollutants are emitted from McKinley Paper Company's Washington Mill?

The McKinley Facility is a major source of both criteria air pollutants and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP). It is therefore subject to Title V of the federal Clean Air Act and required to operate under an AOP.

Will air pollutant emissions increase as a result of approving this AOP?

No. AOPs take pre-existing air emissions limits and other air-related requirements from multiple origins such as state regulations, federal regulations and construction permit approvals, and organize them under a single permit. AOPs must also establish sufficient monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements to assure continuous compliance with applicable limits and requirements.

How does McKinley assure compliance?

McKinley operates several air pollution control devices and implements pollution prevention measures to meet air emissions limits and standards. McKinley also operates continuous emissions monitoring systems. All air pollution control means and monitoring systems are explained in the TSD for McKinley.

How does ORCAA monitor compliance?

ORCAA monitors compliance by several means, including, but not limited to, inspecting McKinley at least annually, observing air emissions testing, reviewing semi-annual monitoring reports, reviewing continuous emissions monitoring data, and evaluating performance of McKinley's air pollution control systems. ORCAA is an enforcement agency with authority to issue notices of violation and assess penalties.