

Weyerhaeuser, Longview

NORPAC Refiner Project Comment Period

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on proposed Notice of Construction Order No. 11272 and the associated State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for Weyerhaeuser, Longview.

We will accept comments by mail, fax, or e-mail May 15 – June 15, 2015.

Notice of Construction Order

The proposed order would approve the pulp refiner project at the North Pacific Paper Corporation (NORPAC) facility. This includes:

- Restarting two unused reject refiners for Thermomechanical Pulp (TMP) Mill No. 2. Currently, wood fibers not broken down enough for use in paper making are sent back to the secondary refiner. After the project, the two rebuilt reject refiners will break these fibers down, and they will not need to back go to the secondary refiner.
- Installing low consistency post refiners before Paper Machines 1 and 3.

The project would:

- Lower energy and pulp costs.
- Use energy more efficiently.
- Give the mill the ability to produce about 64,000 more bone dry metric tons (BDMT) of wood pulp each year.
- Increase some air pollutants. These include:
 - Volatile Organic Compounds by 13.1 tons per year (TPY).
 - Acetaldehyde by 10,596 pounds per year.
 - Formaldehyde by 453 pounds per year.
 - Methanol by 36,704 pounds per year.
 - Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) by 7 pounds per year.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

May 15 – June 15, 2015

Read the proposed order and SEPA DNS

Longview Public Library
1600 Louisiana St
Longview, WA 98632

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Dr SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Online:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_weyerlong.html

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You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments on the order and DNS. To request a hearing, contact:

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If we determine there's significant interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will:

- Publish the date, time and location.
- Extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days of notice of the hearing.

When the comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments received and make appropriate changes before issuing the order.

Facility Information

Weyerhaeuser and Nippon Paper Industries co-own the NORPAC facility located at 3401 Industrial Way in Longview. NORPAC produces newsprint and printing and specialty paper using TMP, deinked pulp from recycled newsprint, and bleached kraft pulp from Weyerhaeuser's Longview pulp mill.

In 2014, the facility produced:

- 565 bone dry metric tons (BDMT) of TMP.
- 57,000 BDMT of deinked pulp.
- 765,000 air dry metric tons of paper products.