

WestRock Tacoma Chip Screening Project



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Comment period: June 15 – July 18, 2018

We invite you to comment on the WestRock Tacoma pulp and paper mill proposed wood chip screening project:

- Air Quality Notice of Construction Order No 15833.
- Associated State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Nonsignificance.

Wood Chip Screening Project

The mill proposes to upgrade its wood chip conveyor system.

This change is expected to:

- Improve efficiency of the conveyor system.
- Increase wood chip processing by about 90 bone dry tons/year.
- Increase pulp and paper production.

Air quality impact

Air pollutants expected to increase due to this project include:

- Total suspended particulates by 0.33 tons/year
- Particulate matter less than 10 microns in size (PM10) by 0.3 tons/year
- PM2.5 by 0.23 tons/year.
- Volatile organic compounds by 3.9 tons/year.
- Toxic air pollutants by 15.59 tons/year.

The increases will not exceed air quality standards.

Commenting

Effective comments tell us if we correctly applied current laws, rules, and regulations to this action.

Effective comments:

- Are specific. Tell us what your concern is and how you think the SEPA determination or Order should change.

- Are focused. Refer to the conditions and requirements in the SEPA checklist or Order. Relate the potential impacts to water quality from this action.
- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

When the comment period ends, we'll review the comments received and make appropriate changes before finalizing the order.

Public event

A public meeting to learn about the project and ask questions, followed by a public hearing to submit verbal comments will take place July 17, 2018, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the Portland Avenue Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave E, Tacoma, WA, in Game Room A.

Facility information

Located at 4050 Mountain View Road in Ferndale, Alcoa's Intalco Works aluminum smelter began operating in 1966 and employs about 580 employees. At full production, it is able to make about 307,000 tons of aluminum metal each year.

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