WestRock Tacoma Steam Limit Project

Comment period: Nov 16 – Dec 28, 2018

We invite you to comment on the WestRock Tacoma pulp and paper mill's proposed steam limit project:

- Air Quality Notice of Construction Order No. 4153 modification
- State Environmental Policy Act Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance

Steam limit project

The mill proposes to increase the use of its natural gas boiler, giving it the ability to use additional steam to generate electricity for sale.

As part of the project, the mill plans to increase its use of natural gas as fuel.

Air quality impacts

This project would increase greenhouse gases (GHGs) by about 60,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e) per year. This is equivalent to the amount of CO2e released by approximately 12,000 passenger vehicles.

Due to this potential GHG impacts, we issued a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS). This requires the mill to offset GHGs produced (emitted) by the proposed project above 30,000 tons per year using purchased certified GHG offsets or an alternative approved by the Department of Ecology.

Additionally, the mill must install low nitrogen oxide (NOx) burners to reduce NOx emissions before the project can take place.

Other air pollutants expected to increase due to this project include:

- Particulate matter above 2.5 microns in size by 3.78 tons/year (TPY)
• Sulfur dioxide by 0.28 TPY
• Nitrogen oxides by 2.99 TPY
• Lead by .0000623 TPY

These increases will not exceed air quality standards.

**Commenting**

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

- 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**

**Public meeting**

A public meeting to learn about the project and ask questions will take place:

Date: November 29, 2018  
Time: Starting at 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Best Western Hotel, 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, WA

**Public hearing**

A public webinar will take place:

Date: December 17, 2018  
Time: Starting at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Best Western Hotel, 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, WA  
Online by webinar:  
https://watech.webex.com/watech/j.php?MTID=m6862bbff556e52ea7a7e5f00f1f18b45

**Facility Information**

Located at 801 Portland Ave in Tacoma, the WestRock pulp and paper mill makes about 1,400 tons of bleached and unbleached packaging-grade paper, linerboard, and unbleached pulp each day.