

Port Townsend Paper Pulper Replacement Project



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<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Industrial-facilities-permits/Port-Townsend-Paper>

Comment Period: May 22 – June 28, 2019

We invite you to comment on proposed air quality Notice of Construction Order No. 16293 and the associated State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance on the Port Townsend Paper pulp and paper mill's project to replace an Old Corrugated Container (OCC) pulper. This piece of equipment produces pulp from recycled cardboard.

Project information

This piece of equipment produces pulp from recycled cardboard.

The proposed project will replace the existing batch tub pulper that has a maximum capacity of 480 oven-dried tons of pulp (ODTP) per day with a continuous pulper that has a maximum capacity of 720 ODTP per day.

The following air pollutants (emissions) are expected to increase because of the project.

- Volatile organic compounds by 0.8 tons per year (tpy)
- Ozone depleting substances by 0.8 tpy
- Toxic air pollutants by 0.4 tpy

Please read the project application for more information. As long as all applicable requirements are met, these increases are allowed under air quality standards.

What about odors?

We do not expect this project to increase odors from the mill.

Odors from pulp mills typically come from the breaking down of wood fibers using chemicals in what is called the kraft pulping process. This project does not make any changes to kraft part of the mill.

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 order or SEPA determination should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the conditions and requirements in the order. Relate to the potential impacts from this action.
- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

Will there be a public hearing?

We will hold a public event and hearing if there is significant interest from the public to do so. Requests for a hearing on the order must be in writing and received by June 21, 2019. Send your request to:

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In the request, you must include your interest in requesting the hearing and why you feel it is necessary.

If we determine there is significant public interest to hold a hearing, we will hold it:

June 25, 2019
Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Fort Worden's Commons B, 200 Battery Way in Port Townsend, Washington

If no timely requests for a hearing are received or if we determine there is not a significant degree of public interest, we will cancel the hearing and post notice of the cancellation on our website.

At a hearing, you may submit oral and/or written comments on the draft order and SEPA determination. We will not respond to comments during the hearing. You do not need to attend a hearing to submit written comments, and written comments and supporting information submitted during the comment period is considered with the same weight of importance as any oral comments presented during a hearing. When we make a final decision, we will provide a written response to all written and oral comments received during the comment period.

Facility information

The Port Townsend Paper Corporation (PTPC) owns and operates a kraft pulp and paper mill at 100 Mill Road in Port Townsend. It produces non-bleach kraft pulp from virgin wood chips and sawdust and produces secondary fiber by re-pulping Old Corrugated Containers.

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