

Packaging Corporation of America New Recycled Fiber Plant and Modified No.2 Paper Machine Project



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Comment period: May 29, 2020 – June 29, 2020

We invite you to comment on the draft Notice of Construction Order No.17965 and the associated State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance for Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) pulp and paper mill's project to build a new recycled fiber plant and to increase production at the No.2 Paper Machine (No.2 PM).

Project Information

The proposed project will allow PCA to increase their capacity to process recycled fibers into new products. The project would replace an existing double-lined kraft (DLK) clippings repulping plant with a new recycled fiber plant (RFP) and would modify the No.2 Paper Machine (PM) to accommodate the increase in pulp production. The new RFP plant would increase the recycled pulping capacity of the facility by 875 air dried tons of pulp per day (ADTPD). The annual average throughput of the No.2 PM will be increased by approximately 90 ADTPD to a total capacity of 524 ADPTD.

The following pollutants would increase from the new and modified units as a result of this project:

- 0.33 tons per year (tpy) particulate matter less than 10 microns.
- 0.16 tpy particulate matter less than 2.5 microns.
- 8.9 tpy volatile organic compounds.
- 3.5 tpy of toxic air pollutants.

Please review the project application and SEPA checklist for more information. As long as all applicable requirements are met, these increases are allowed under 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 permit should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the changes to the conditions and requirements in the permit.
- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

When the comment period ends, we will review the comments received and make a final decision.

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

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Your request must include your interest in the permits and reasons why a hearing should be held.

If we determine there is significant public interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice and publish the time, date and location of the hearing.

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Facility description

This facility is a kraft pulp and paper mill and corrugated container plant. With around 400 employees, the pulp and paper mill makes about 1,800 tons of unbleached paper and corrugated medium each day. The container plant has about 155 employees and makes approximately 5 million square feet of corrugated boxes each day.

Se está llevando a cabo un periodo de comentario. Usted puede revisar y comentar sobre los borradores de los documentos del permiso. Estos describen los requisitos ambientales con los que debe cumplir una instalación industrial. Comuníquese con Katherine Walton al 360-407-7602 o katherine.walton@ecy.wa.gov para obtener más información. Para información en Español, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov o comuníquese con Gustavo Ordóñez al 360-407-6619.

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