

## **Appendix D. Copies of public involvement notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
PERIOD  
AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ON STATE AIR QUALITY PLAN**

Ecology is seeking comments on a proposed revision to an air quality plan, called a State Implementation Plan (SIP). The proposed revision is to update Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's (SRCAA) revised regulations for solid fuel burning devices in the Washington SIP. This revision to the SIP is required to meet federal requirements from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and is designed to reduce wood smoke emissions and maintain compliance with federal air quality standards within Spokane County.

You may review and comment on the proposed plan revision March 2, 2015 through April 3, 2015. The document is available for review at:  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/infrastructure.htm>.

To comment on the plan revision or to request a public hearing:

• email [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov)  
• mail comments to:  
Joanna Ekrem  
Air Quality Program  
Washington State Dept.  
of Ecology  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

For more information contact Joanna Ekrem at (360) 407-6826 or [joanna.ekrem@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:joanna.ekrem@ecy.wa.gov). Requests for a public hearing must be received by March 23, 2015.

If a hearing request is received by the deadline, it will be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 2, 2015, at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency office: 3104 E. Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207. If a hearing request is not received, Ecology will announce a cancellation of the April 2 hearing on its public involvement calendar.

For more information visit [www.SpokaneCleanAir.org](http://www.SpokaneCleanAir.org) or <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/infrastructure.htm>.  
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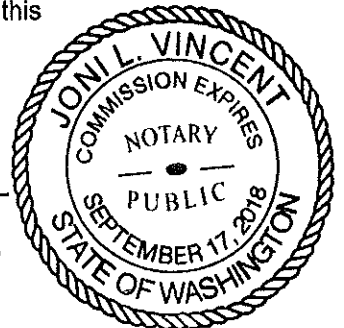
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do solemnly swear that I am the Principal Clerk of *The Spokesman-Review*, a newspaper established and regularly published, once each day in the English language, in and of general circulation in the City of Spokane County, Washington; and in the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho; that said newspaper has been so established and regularly published and has had said general circulation continuously for more than six (6) months prior to the 23rd day of July, 1941; that said newspaper is printed in an office maintained at its place of publication in the City of Spokane, Washington; that said newspaper was approved and designated as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Spokane County on the 23rd day of July, 1941, and that said order has not been revoked and is in full force and effect; that the notice attached hereto and which is a part of the proof of publication, was published in said newspaper one time(s), the publication having been made once each time on the following dates:

March 2, 2015

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Subscribed and sworn to before me at the City of Spokane, this  
5th day of March, 2015.

Joni L. Vincent  
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,  
residing at Spokane County, Washington



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## Spokane Solid Fuel Burning Devices Rule and a Required Revision to the State Implementation Plan

Ecology is accepting public comment on a proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision. The revision incorporates Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's (SRCAA) current rule on solid fuel burning devices (like woodstoves, fireplaces, pellet stoves, and masonry heaters) into Washington's SIP. Ecology must submit this revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

### **Q: What is the State Implementation Plan (SIP)?**

**A:** It is a tool for the EPA and the public to ensure the state and local clean air agencies do their job in safeguarding the air. States are required to develop a SIP to ensure the air is clean and meets the national standards. Washington's SIP is a compilation of:

- Ecology and local clean air agency rules.
- Technical data and analysis.
- Plans to clean up the air in areas of the state that do not meet national standards.

### **Q: How did the rule change?**

**A:** The 2014 changes to the rule help improve air quality and meet federal air quality standards for particle pollution (PM10 and PM2.5) in Spokane County. The focus was to:

- Align the process for calling burn bans with Washington State law.
- Clarify the exemption criteria that allow the use of a solid fuel burning device during a burn ban.
- Meet EPA requirements.
- Improve air quality in areas affected by pollution from solid fuel burning devices.

### **National Air Quality Standards**

EPA sets national air quality standards for six common pollutants. The standards are set to protect public health and welfare.

Violations result in economic penalties to communities and can result in more federal intervention.

Much like cigarette smoke, wood smoke contains hundreds of air pollutants that can cause cancer and other health problems.

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**Q: Why is Ecology proposing to submit this revised plan for approval?**

**A:** SRCAA's 1994 rule on solid fuel burning devices is currently included in Washington's SIP. SRCAA revised this rule, found in Regulation 1, Article VIII, after a public comment period in 2014. The rule took effect September 2, 2014. Ecology is submitting the revised plan for SIP approval to meet EPA requirements and help the area meet health-based federal air quality standards.

Download the SIP revision at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/pdfs/SIPspokane.pdf>.

**Q: How can the public get involved?**

**A:** The public can submit comments to Ecology through April 10, 2015. You may submit comments:

- **In writing:**
  - By Mail to Joanna Ekrem, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600
  - By email to [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov)
- **In person at public hearings:**
  - On April 2, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, 3104 E Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207.

**Q: What is Ecology accepting public comment on?**

**A:** Ecology is accepting comments on:

- Should Ecology submit the SIP revision to EPA for approval?
- Is the SIP revision adequate to help the area continue to meet air quality standards?

Ecology will consider all of the public comments received. Ecology may also work with SRCAA to amend the proposed SIP revision based on comments we receive. If Ecology submits the proposed SIP revision to EPA, EPA will publish a notice and accept public comments before deciding whether or not to approve the SIP submission.

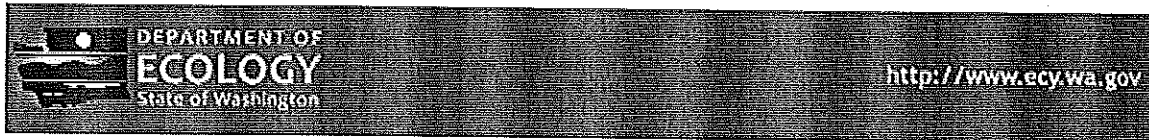
**More wood smoke information:**

How Wood Smoke harms your Health at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/91br023.pdf>

Focus on Cleaner Wood Burning at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/91br022.pdf>



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**Department of Ecology News Release - March 2, 2015**

## **Updating the clean air plan for Spokane County** *Review and comment on the plan now through April 3*

SPOKANE –Wood smoke is a common contributor to air pollution in Washington. Keeping air clean for everyone requires routine monitoring and careful management.

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The Department of Ecology is seeking comments on Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's updated plan that reflects changes made to local rules in 2014 for solid-fuel burning devices.

The proposed clean air plan for Spokane County allows air quality managers to issue burn bans at a lower threshold to help improve overall air quality. It also contains updated criteria for individuals to obtain an exemption to use solid-fuel burning devices during a burn ban.

After the public comment period has closed and comments have been reviewed, Ecology will submit the plan to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval. Once approved, the plan will be added to the statewide plan for protecting air quality.

Washington, along with other states, is required to maintain a statewide plan that ensures federal air quality standards are met.

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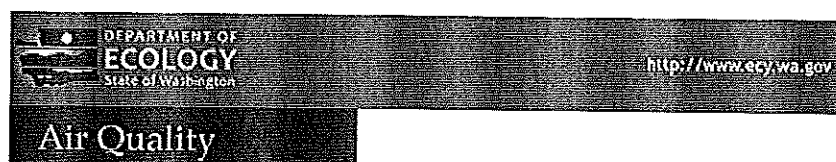
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## Infrastructure, Rule, and Program SIPs

### Infrastructure SIPs

When EPA establishes a new [National Ambient Air Quality Standard \(NAAQS\)](#) or revises an existing NAAQS, the federal [Clean Air Act](#) requires Washington to develop an infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP). The infrastructure SIP demonstrates that Washington has the necessary legal authority, regulatory structure, and sufficient resources to implement the NAAQS statewide.

- [EPA's list of federally approved infrastructure SIPs](#)

Infrastructure SIP Title	Status
<p><i>Infrastructure SIP for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, 2008 Ozone, and 1997, 2006, and 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SIP Submittal</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">News Release</a> - 07/25/2014</li> </ul>	<p>EPA proposed to partially approve and partially disapprove the SIP submittal on 10/17/14 in two separate actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Infrastructure SIP Certification for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SIP Submittal</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FAQ</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">2012 Airport Lead Study: Auburn Municipal Airport and Harvey Field</a></li> </ul>	<p>EPA partially approved SIP on 7/23/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Infrastructure SIP Certification for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SIP submittal</a></li> </ul>	<p>EPA partially approved SIP on 5/24/12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul>
<p><i>Interstate Transport SIP State Implementation Plan for 1997 8-Hour Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SIP submittal</a></li> </ul>	<p>EPA approved SIP on 8/27/07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul>

### Rule SIPs

Washington usually submits rules (Washington Administrative Codes or WACs) along with a SIP as enforceable means to carry out the control strategy in *any type of SIP*. Sometimes, rules are even submitted as standalone SIP revisions. When EPA approves a rule as part of Washington's SIP, the rule becomes "federally-enforceable." That is, if Washington does not implement the rule, EPA or citizens can step in and enforce the rule at the federal level.

- [EPA's list of federally-approved Washington rules](#)

Rule SIP Title	Status
<p>Including revised Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency Regulation 1, Article VIII, Solid Fuel Burning Devices, in the Washington SIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SIP Submittal</a></li> </ul>	<p>Public comments accepted through April 3, 2014. Ecology will hold a public hearing only if one is requested by March 23, 2015. For more information on how to comment or request a hearing, see: <a href="#">Press Release</a></p>
<p>Including revised chapter 173-400 WAC, General Air Quality Regulations, in the Washington SIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">More Information</a></li> </ul>	<p>Ecology submitted this SIP revision to EPA in 1/14</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EPA partially approved Ecology's general air quality rules on 10/3/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. EPA approved Ecology's nonattainment new source review rules on 11/7/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. EPA expects to act on the Prevention of Significant Deterioration program, the final portion of the SIP submittal, in a separate action</li> </ol>
<p>Including revised chapter 173-433 WAC, Solid Fuel Burning Devices, in the Washington SIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SIP Submittal</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Related Documents</a></li> </ul>	<p>EPA approved this SIP revision on 4/9/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li> </ul>
	<p>EPA approved this SIP revision on 3/4/14</p>

Including new chapter 173-476 WAC, Ambient Air Quality Standards, in the Washington SIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li></ul>
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#### Program SIPs

Some SIPs satisfy programs or parts of programs required by the Clean Air Act. The subjects addressed by these SIPs can be quite diverse. One example is the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, more commonly known as the Emission Check Program. This program is required for carbon monoxide and ozone nonattainment areas. Other examples include the Washington State Visibility Protection Program and the 1998 Smoke Management Program.

Program SIP Title	Status
2010 Regional Haze SIP and 2011 Regional Haze SIP Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">SIP submittal</a></li><li>• <a href="#">More Information</a></li></ul>	<p>On 12/6/12 EPA approved the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) determination for the TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC Coal-fired power plant in Centralia, WA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li></ul> <p>On 6/11/14, EPA partially approved and partially disapproved the 2010 Regional Haze Plan. EPA developed a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for the elements they did not approve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li></ul> <p>EPA issued a final action to correct an error on 11/24/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li></ul> <p>In addition, EPA also approved an alternate to BART for five BART emission units at the Tesoro Refining and Marketing refinery in Anacortes. An emission unit is an individual piece of equipment that emits air pollutants at a stationary source, such as steam generators, combustion turbines, or printing presses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Federal Register Notice</a></li></ul>

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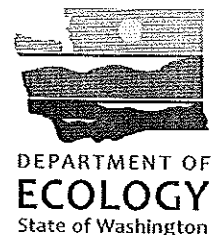
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For more information on the SIP, and how to comment or request a hearing, see: [proposed SIP revision](#); [news release](#)

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**From:** Ekrem, Joanna (ECY)  
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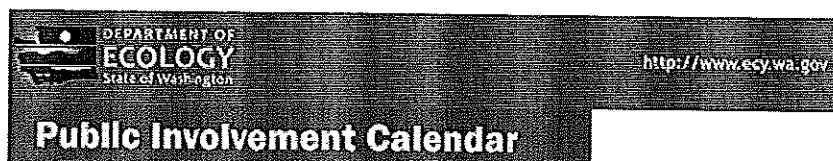
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For more information on the SIP revision, how to comment, or how to request a hearing, see the [news release](#).

Best regards,

***Joanna Ekrem***

| Air Quality Program |  
| WA State Dept of Ecology |  
| Telephone 360.407.6826 |



The Public Involvement Calendar is designed to engage the public in our decision-making process. We encourage you to read [Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting](#).

Activities that are educational only or are co-sponsored by Ecology may be found under the "More Ecology Events" link in the left column of this page. We invite your [feedback](#) about this Public Involvement Calendar.

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711 (relay service)  
800-833-6388 (TTY)

### **Public Hearings, Meetings, Workshops, Open Houses**

**Apr 2 9:30 AM Public Hearing: Spokane**  
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Ecology is extending the public comment period through April 10, 2015 on a proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision. The revision incorporates Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's (SRCAA) current rule on solid fuel burning devices (like woodstoves, fireplaces, pellet stoves, and masonry heaters) into Washington's SIP. For more information, download the Frequently Asked Questions.

You may submit comments through April 10:

**In writing:**

- By email to [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov), or
- By mail to Joanna Ekrem, Washington Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600.

**In person at public hearings:**

- On April 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency office: 3104 E. Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207.

If you have special ADA accommodation needs including materials in another format please contact Ecology at 360-407-6000. Washington Relay Service at 711. TTY (877) 833-6341.

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## Public Comments Accepted on State Implementation Plan Update

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Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) is updating the Spokane County portion of the [State Implementation Plan \(SIP\) for Solid Fuel Burning Devices](#), including wood stoves, fireplaces, pellet stoves and fireplace inserts. The updates reflect 2014 changes to [SRCAA Regulation 1, Article VIII](#) and state law. The update to the [statewide plan](#) is designed to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards within Spokane County.

### The proposed SIP revision will:

- Update Spokane's solid fuel burning device regulations (SRCAA Regulation 1, Article VIII) in the SIP to reflect revisions to the rule in 2014
- Maintain compliance with federal air quality standards for particulate matter 10 microns or less (PM10)

In 1990, part of Spokane County was designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as nonattainment for the federal air quality standard for PM10. Regulation 1, Article III, Solid Fuel Burning Device rule was first submitted to the EPA in 1994 for inclusion into the SIP to meet the PM10 standard. EPA issued a clean air determination that the area was in attainment with the standard in 2001, and was officially redesignated as attainment in 2005. The updated local regulation is included in the proposed SIP revision to help the area stay in attainment with the federal PM10 standard.

### Public Comments:

Ecology is accepting comments on:

- Should Ecology submit the revised SFB rule to EPA for approval in Washington's SIP?
- Are the rules in the revised SIP adequate to help the area continue to meet air quality standards?

Public comments will be accepted through April 10, 2015. Comments can be submitted by email to [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov) or by mail to Joanna Ekrem, Washington Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600.

### Public Hearings:

Two public hearings will be held on April 2, 2015, at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency office: 3104 E. Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207. The first hearing will start at 9:30 a.m. and the second will start at 6 p.m. If you have special accommodation needs or require documents in alternative format, please contact Ecology:

- 360-407-6000 (voice)
- 711 (relay service)
- 800-833-6388 (TTY)

After the public comment period has closed, Ecology will consider all of the public comments received, and decide whether to submit the revised SIP to EPA. If Ecology submits the revised SIP to EPA for approval, EPA will hold its own public comment period.

**4/3/15- PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION - If you missed yesterday's two hearings, the powerpoint presentation is [here](#) (pdf).**

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Updating Current Spokane Solid Fuel Burning Devices Rules in the Washington State Implementation Plan

#### What is Ecology doing?

Ecology is accepting public comment on a [proposed](#) State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision. The revision incorporates Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's (SRCAA) [current rule](#) on solid fuel burning devices (like woodstoves and pellet stoves) to Washington's SIP. Ecology must submit this revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

#### What is the State Implementation Plan?

It is a tool for the EPA and the public to ensure the state and local clean air agencies do their job in safeguarding the air. States are required to develop a SIP to ensure the air is clean and meets the national standards. Washington's SIP is a compilation of:

- Ecology and local clean air agency rules.
- Technical data and analysis.
- Plans to clean up the air in areas of the state that do not meet national standards.

#### How did SRCAA's solid fuel burning device rule change?

The 2014 changes to the rule help improve air quality and meet federal air quality standards for particle pollution (PM10 and PM2.5) in Spokane County. The focus was to:

- Align the process for calling burn bans with Washington State Law.
- Clarify the exemption criteria that allow the use of a solid fuel burning device during a burn ban.
- Meet EPA requirements.
- Improve air quality in the areas affected by pollution from solid fuel burning devices.

#### Why is Ecology proposing to submit this revised SIP for approval?

SRCAA's 1994 rule on solid fuel burning devices is currently included in Washington's SIP. SRCAA revised this rule, found in Regulation 1, Article VIII, after a public comment period in 2014. The rule took effect September 2, 2014. Ecology is submitting the revised SIP for approval to meet EPA requirements and help the area meet health-based federal air quality standards.

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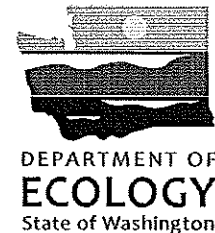
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**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 9:20 AM  
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March 2, 2015

#### **Public Notice/Comment Period on State Air Quality Plan**

Ecology is seeking comments on a proposed revision to an air quality plan, called a State Implementation Plan (SIP). The proposed revision is to update Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's revised regulations for solid fuel burning devices in the Washington SIP. This revision to the SIP is required to meet federal requirements from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and is designed to reduce wood smoke emissions and maintain compliance with federal air quality standards within Spokane County.

You may review and comment on the proposed plan revision March 2, 2015 through April 3, 2015. The document is available for review at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/infrastructure.htm>.

To comment on the plan revision or to request a public hearing:

- email [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov)
- mail comments to: Joanna Ekrem, Air Quality Program, Washington State Dept. of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600

For more information or to request a public hearing, contact Joanna Ekrem at (360) 407-6826 or [joanna.ekrem@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:joanna.ekrem@ecy.wa.gov). Requests for a public hearing must be received by March 23, 2015.

If a hearing request is received by the deadline, it will be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 2, 2015, at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency office: 3104 E. Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207. If a hearing request is not received, Ecology will announce a cancellation of the April 2 hearing on its public involvement calendar.

For more information visit [www.SpokaneCleanAir.org](http://www.SpokaneCleanAir.org) or <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/infrastructure.htm>.

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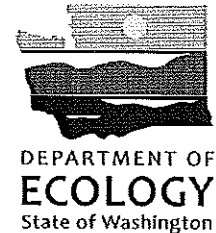
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March 20, 2015

**Public Comment Period Extended, Hearings Added  
on State Implementation Plan Revision**

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For more information:

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