

Appendix B: Transcripts from public hearings

**Transcript of recorded hearing from proposed rule
For Ch. 173-401, WAC Air Operating Permit
September 10, 2015**

Melanie: I'm Melanie Forster hearing officer for this hearing. This morning we are to conduct a hearing on Chapter 173 – 401 WAC – the proposed Air Operating Permit Rule.

Let the record show it's 10:17 a.m. on September 10, 2015 and this hearing is being held at the Department of Ecology headquarters building, Room 16 and 17, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98503.

Legal notices of this hearing were published in the *Washington State Register* on August 4, 2015, Washington State Register Number: 15-16-112.

Notices of the hearing were sent to an email list of interested people and a news release was issued on August 12, 2015.

Notice also published in Ecology's online Public Involvement Calendar on August 4, 2015.

I will be calling people up to provide testimony based on the order your name appears in the webinar. If you are participating in this hearing on the webinar, type, "I have a comment" in the chat box and Sharon will acknowledge you and unmute your line. Once everyone who has indicated that they would like to testify has had the opportunity, I will open it up for others.

Melanie: Has anyone indicated that they would like to provide testimony?

Sharon: Gretchen Brewer would like to testify.

Melanie: Great. Thank you. We will begin with Gretchen Brewer. Please state your name and address for the record and speak clearly so that we can get a good recording of your testimony.

Gretchen Brewer: K. Can you hear me? Can you hear me okay?

Melanie: Yes. We can hear you just fine.

Gretchen Brewer: OK. Great. I wanted to ask this in the question section but couldn't find the place to click to turn in on. But I'll ask here. On the proposed amendment page 10 you have several instances where federally is changes to legally and practicably enforceable limits. And I'd like to know what the effect of that would be on the (*unable to understand next word in recording*). And let's see. I think that's the one question I have right now.

Melanie: Great. Is there anyone else who would like to provide testimony? (Pause) No? Alright. If you would like to send Ecology written comments, please remember they are due by September 18, 2015. Please send them to Margo Thompson, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 958014-7600. You may also email comments to AQcomments@ecy.wa.gov. And you may also fax your comments to 360-407-7534.

All testimony received at this hearing along with all written comments received no later than September 18, 2015 will be part of the official hearing record for this proposal.

Ecology will send notice about the Concise Explanatory Statement or CES publication to everyone who provided written comments or oral testimony on this rule proposal and submitted their contact information, everyone that signed in for today's hearing or webinar who provided an email address, and other interested parties on the agencies mailing lists for this rule.

The CES will among other things, contain the agency's response to questions and issues of concern that were submitted during the public comment period. If you would like to receive a copy but did not give us your contact information, please contact Margo Thompson at the contact information given.

The next step is to review the comments and make a determination whether to adopt the rule. Ecology Director Maia Bellon will consider the rule documentation and staff recommendations and will make a decision about adopting the proposal.

(Pause)

Melanie: Oh, great. So it looks like Gretchen would like to speak again. Please go ahead. Your line is unmuted.

Gretchen: OK. I'd also like to ask about in the small business SBEIS, it has a section on page 1.2. Says proposed rule amended would clarify applicability requirements to allow nonmajor sources with AOP to have the permit requirements only for the subset of their units that made them subject to their permit. That sounds like segmenting and I'd like to know if that is different from segmenting. And which segmenting would allow them to break their process up into small enough pieces that they could avoid being under regulation (*unable to understand several words in recording*) and report (*unable to understand several words in recording*) allows that to be effective (*unable to understand several words in recording*). Thank you.

Melanie: Thank you. Alright. It looks like no one else wishes to provide testimony. I'm going to go over the next steps again. The

The next step is to review the comments and make a determination whether to adopt the rule. Ecology Director Maia Bellon will consider the rule documentation and staff recommendations and will make a decision about adopting the proposal. Adoption is scheduled for roughly around mid-December, 2015. If the proposed rule should be adopted then day and filed with the Code Reviser, it will go into effect 31 days later.

If we can be of further help to you, please do not hesitate to ask or you can contact Margo Thompson if you have other questions.

On behalf of the Department of Ecology, thank you for coming. I appreciate your cooperation and courtesy.

Let the record show that this hearing is adjourned at 10:24 a.m.