

Proposed Rule Changes for SWCAA 400 General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources

SWCAA 400 “General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources” are the general regulations with which the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) regulates the emission of air contaminants from sources within the jurisdiction of SWCAA. The purpose of the regulations is to prevent violations of federal, state and local air standards and to implement the Washington Clean Air Act (Chapter 70.94 RCW).

SWCAA is proposing to change the manner in which federal regulations are incorporated by reference in multiple sections of SWCAA 400. Existing incorporation by reference citations contain an effective date as part of each citation. This practice leads to numerous and redundant date citations through the body of the rule, which are difficult to edit and keep current. SWCAA proposes to adopt a new standalone rule section (SWCAA 400-025) that specifies a single effective date for all federal regulation incorporation by reference citations. Corresponding incorporation by reference citations in the remainder of the rule will be revised to cite the new rule section instead of individual effective dates.

An electronic version of the proposed rule can be viewed on the SWCAA website at www.swcleanair.org/regs/proposedrules.asp and physical copies can be viewed at the SWCAA office located at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294 in Vancouver, Washington during business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone (360) 574-3058.

The public comment period for the proposed rule change will begin on December 4, 2019 and close on January 24, 2020. Comments can be submitted in writing, prior to the close date, to the above address or emailed to Wess Safford at wess@swcleanair.org. A public hearing for the proposed rule changes will be held at SWCAA’s business office beginning at 6:00 pm on January 22, 2020. SWCAA intends to submit the proposed rules for consideration for adoption by the Board at the February 6, 2020 board meeting.