

Public Comment Opportunity – Pinnacle Renewable Holdings Inc. (Drax)

Notice to the public is hereby given that the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) has made a preliminary determination to issue Air Discharge Permit 24-3624 to Pinnacle Renewable Holdings Inc. (Drax). This preliminary determination proposes to approve installation of a Wood Pellet Processing Facility to be located at 125 East Mill Road, Longview, Washington. A copy of the draft Air Discharge Permit and the associated Technical Support Document which contains a detailed description of the proposed facility are available for review at <https://www.swcleanair.gov/permits/publiccomments.asp>.

The public is invited to comment on the draft Air Discharge Permit for this facility by submitting written comments to SWCAA via email at commentsdrax@swcleanair.org, or delivery to:

Southwest Clean Air Agency
11815 NE 99th Street, STE 1294
Vancouver, WA 98682

In addition, oral testimony from the public will be taken at a public hearing to be held at the Cowlitz PUD auditorium (961 12th Ave, Longview, Washington) on March 28, 2024. The hearing will be preceded by a general presentation at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The public comment period will end March 29, 2024.

Guide to Commenting

SWCAA's air permitting authority is limited to the air quality impacts of the proposed pellet mill itself. SWCAA cannot consider or address comments on issues outside the scope of the Agency's air permitting authority. If the proposed project meets all applicable requirements, SWCAA is legally obligated to approve the application. If a proposed project does not meet applicable requirements, SWCAA is required to deny the application. [RCW 70A.15.2210(3)]

General Tips

1. Make your comments easy to read.
2. Start with general comments, followed by specific, page-by-page comments.
3. If your comments are extensive, include a summary at the beginning of your letter.
4. Use headings and / or topic sentences.
5. Provide specific examples illustrating your concerns.
6. Be clear and specific.
7. Make statements supported with facts.
8. Offer helpful solutions.
9. Suggest specific language changes or additions.
10. Provide your contact information at the end of your comments.