

## Proposed Amendments: New Source Review (NSR) & General Regulation Updates

### Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires state and local agencies to adopt federally-approved control strategies to attain and maintain health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. EPA then incorporates the regulations into a federally enforceable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

In order to meet federal and state requirements, Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) is proposing amendments to some of its existing regulations. This follows several years of working with Ecology and EPA to identify all of the necessary updates. In addition, this provides SRCAA the opportunity to clean up regulatory language and formatting for improved clarity, readability and consistency.

### What does this mean for registered sources?

If adopted, the amendments will provide consistency and clarity, which should simplify compliance. **The proposed amendments will not increase fees or add new requirements.**

### The proposed amendments will:

- Simplify compliance for regulated sources:
  - ✓ Add adoption by reference (ABR) sections that specify which state and federal rules are ABR and specify the adoption date
  - ✓ Streamline source test provisions and improve consistency with state and federal regulations
  - ✓ Clarify registration program requirements and improve consistency with state regulations
  - ✓ Clarify new source review requirements and improve consistency with state and federal regulations; simplify portable source permitting process and update public involvement provisions to allow e-noticing
- Improve clarity, readability, formatting consistency among Articles
- Improve consistency with state, federal regulations
- Remove obsolete regulatory language

- Meet federal enforceability requirements and EPA's federal requirements for incorporation in the SIP
- Make general housekeeping edits (typos, spelling errors, update citing).

### Public Comment Period; Public Hearings:

**Written Public Comments** on the proposed amendments are being accepted now through the end of the second Public Hearing, July 9, 2020.

Written comments may be submitted by mail or email:

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**Two Public Hearings** will be held at SRCAA's office, 3104 E. Augusta Ave., Spokane, WA 99207\*:

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 6 p.m.** A summary of the testimony provided at this hearing will be shared with the SRCAA Board and Executive Director.

**Thursday, July 9, 2020, 9:30 a.m.** at SRCAA's Board of Directors meeting.

\*If the *Stay Home, Stay Healthy* order remains in place in mid-June, virtual hearings may be arranged, so please check our website below, a few days prior to the public hearings.

***Details on the proposed amendments are available at [SpokaneCleanAir.org](http://SpokaneCleanAir.org)***