

Changes to NOC/NOI Fee Structure and Fees

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) Regulation I, Article V, requires the owner/operator of an air contaminant source to obtain a permit, called a Notice of Construction (NOC) or a Notice of Intent (NOI), prior to the construction or modification of the air contaminant source. The permit is valid for the life of the equipment at a specific location, and can be issued for single piece of equipment or for an entire facility. The NOC/NOI program is required under federal, state and local regulations as a control strategy to meet the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards and to control toxic air pollutants.

Overview of Changes

The NOC program is not operating at full cost recovery and fees had not undergone a full review and revision since 2009. SRCAA engineering staff closely tracked NOC/NOI review hours over the last 1.5 years and made recommendations to the SRCAA Board of Directors. The Board adopted the following revisions to both the fee structure and the fees:

- Update the fee structure by establishing the maximum number of hours of review work included in the base fee for each Class.
- Charge an hourly fee for review hours that are over the defined base fee hours for each Class.
- Eliminate all fees that are currently charged for BACT, toxics, federal NSPS/NESHAP; include this work with base fee/hourly fee (if applicable); keep the SEPA fee.
- Move some sources/source sizes to a different Class to reflect average hours spent on permitting them. Examples of common types and changes below:

Common Equipment Examples	Current Class	Proposed Class
Boilers <100MMbtu/hr	II	III
Boilers >100MMbtu/hr	II	IV
Emergency Generators	II	III
Gasoline dispensing >1.5 million gallon throughput	II	III
Material handling (e.g. baghouses, etc) >10,000 acfm	II	III
Stationary Combustion Engine ≥100 bhp	II	III
Surface Coaters >10,000 acfm	II	III

NOC Class	Current average fees	Proposed base fee, maximum review hours	Proposed fee if max review hours are exceeded
Class I (NOIs)	\$1,625	\$1,625 / 16 hrs	\$98/hr
Class II	\$2,919	\$3,200 / 33 hrs	\$98/hr
Class III	\$3,440	\$4,100 / 42 hrs	\$98/hr
Class IV	\$7,575	\$9,000 / 92 hrs	\$98/hr

About Us

Background - Founded in 1969, the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency works to achieve and maintain clean air in Spokane County, Washington by administering local, state and federal air quality laws and regulations.

We carry out our functions of air monitoring, permitting, enforcement and education and outreach with the support of our member entities, which includes Spokane County and its incorporated cities and towns of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Airway Heights, Cheney, Deer Park, Liberty Lake, Medical Lake, Latah, Millwood, Rockford, Spangle and Waverly.

