Registering Your Business Annually with Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA) registers businesses annually to ensure that their operations are in compliance with local, state and federal regulations and to maintain an accurate inventory of air contaminants released into Spokane’s air. Additionally, this information is used to evaluate the effectiveness of local air pollution control strategies designed to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

What businesses need to register?
Existing and new sources of air contaminants throughout Spokane County must register annually with SRCAA.
Registration includes annual reporting, annual fees, and compliance inspections.
There are over 700 commercial and industrial operations in Spokane County currently registered with SRCAA.

Types of operations registered with SRCAA
- Asphalt plants
- Boilers
- Bulk gasoline terminals
- Chemical plants
- Concrete manufacturers
- Engines, stationary ICE
- Gasoline dispensing facilities
- Metal plating
- Metallic mineral processing
- Mills; lumber, plywood
- Plastic fabrication
- Sandblasting
- Auto body shops
- Brick/clay manufacturers
- Casting foundries
- Coffee roasters
- Dry cleaners
- Fiberglass fabrication
- *Marijuana Production, Processing
- Mills; seeds, feed, flouring
- Paint shops
- Printing operations

*Marijuana Producers & Processors: This Info Sheet isn’t applicable to your operations. Please refer to “Air Quality Requirements, Registration for Marijuana Producers & Processors.”

Is there a fee to register?
Yes, there is an annual fee, invoiced in January, for maintaining the registration of a business. Pursuant to SRCAA Regulation I, Article X, Section 10.02(D), the Board shall periodically review fees in the Fee Schedule for registered sources and determine if the total projected fee revenue to be collected is sufficient to fully recover direct and indirect program costs. Any proposed fee revisions shall include opportunity for public review and comment.

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When will I receive my Annual Registration Form and Annual Fee Invoice?

SRCAA sends out the Annual Registration Form and the Annual Registration Fee invoice is sent to all registered facilities.

**Annual Registration Form** - For reporting material usage and operating data from the previous calendar year. The information reported is used to calculate air emissions and related fees for the next year's annual registration fee.

**Annual Registration Fee Invoice** - Includes the registration fee to operate for the calendar year. The emission fee portion is based on the data provided on the previous year’s Annual Registration form. If registration information was not provided, the annual registration fee will be based on the facility’s maximum potential production rate.

**Per SRCAA’s regulations, a registered facility is required to pay the entire registration fee even if the facility only operates for a portion of the calendar year.**

When registration fees are more than 45 days late, a late fee is assessed that is three times the amount of the original fee owed plus the original fee. Delinquent registration fees can result in the invoice being sent to collections and/or a Notice of Violation (NOV) and civil penalties.

What should businesses know about installing or modifying equipment?

An approved Notice of Construction (NOC) must be obtained prior to modifying existing equipment and prior to installing new equipment. Contact SRCAA for information about the NOC process.

**Are businesses inspected?**

Yes. Regular inspections of registered sources are conducted to verify compliance with existing air pollution regulations. The inspection frequency varies depending on agency resources and priorities.

In addition, businesses that are not registered with SRCAA are inspected to determine if they need to be brought into the registration program. During inspections, facility records are often reviewed along with other data documenting air emissions.

SRCAA inspectors also respond to citizen complaints which may result in an inspection.

How can I learn more?

If you have questions or concerns about the registration fee and/or the annual registration form:

◆ Call (509) 477-4727, or

About Us

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency administers state, federal and local regulations for managing air quality in cities, towns and unincorporated areas of Spokane County. SRCAA staff inspect air pollution sources, issue permits, monitor ambient air quality and educate the public about air quality.

The 1967 Clean Air Act of Washington (Chapter 70A.15 RCW, formerly 70.94 RCW) authorized counties within the State of Washington to form local air pollution control authorities. Spokane Regional Clean Air was fully activated on January 1, 1969.

There are seven local air agencies in the state, plus the Air Quality Program within the Washington State Department of Ecology.

For more information, call (509) 477-4727 or visit www.SpokaneCleanAir.org.