COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency INFO

# Paving Waiver Requests

Dust Control Requirements - Dust from unpaved surfaces and dirt tracked onto paved surfaces contributes significantly to Spokane's particulate matter (PM10) air pollution. These fugitive dust emissions come primarily from two sources: tracking from unpaved to paved surfaces unpaved roads and lots.

## Tracking

When vehicles and equipment move from unpaved to paved surfaces, tracking occurs. The Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (Spokane Clean Air) requires that dirt tracked onto paved surfaces be promptly removed (cleaned) and that reasonable measures be taken to control dust from unpaved areas.

## Unpaved Roads and Lots

Paving roads and lots reduces dust emissions and decreases the tracking of dirt and mud. Paved surfaces can be easily cleaned, so a buildup of dirt and other debris is reduced. Other types of surface treament and control measures for unpaved surfaces will require more frequent maintenance and/ or application (e.g. water or chemical dust suppressants, vegetate or mulch dusty areas, etc.). These treatments could be more expensive in the long term and still produce particulate matter if not properly maintained.

## Paving Requirements

Paving requirements are defined in Spokane County Zoning Code, Section 14.802.080 Parking Lot Design, Surfacing and Marking Requirements. This code allows the County Planning Department to waive portions of the paving requirements based on recommendations from Spokane Clean Air and the Spokane County Engineers.

Spokane Clean Air staff review waiver requests pursuant to this code upon submittal of a completed Paving Waiver Request Form, which is available online at www.spokanecleanair.org or by calling the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency at 477-4727.

Based on the agency's review, recommendations will be made to the County Planning Department to as to whether or not the proposed surfacing will adversely affect air quality. The requests generally take one to three weeks to review. During the review process, additional information may be requested from the applicant.

## Is there a fee?

Yes, per Spokane Clean Air Regulation 1, Article X, Section 10.14. A minimum nonrefundable filing and review fee of $95 shall accompany all paving waiver requests submitted to Spokane Clean Air. Payment of the fee is required regardless of whether or not the paving waiver is granted.

## 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, Fairfield, Latah, Liberty Lake, Medical Lake, Millwood, Rockford, Spangle and Waverly.

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