



May 14, 2024

NOTICE: ORCAA Conditionally Approves Pacific Northwest Renewable Energy's Proposed Pellet Manufacturing Facility

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your interest in air quality and the potential air implications of Pacific Northwest Renewable Energy's (PNWRE) proposal to construct a new wood pellet manufacturing facility in Hoquiam, Washington. PNWRE's proposal triggered review and approval of a Notice of Construction (NOC) air permit through ORCAA. Acting as the Hearings Officer for ORCAA on this case, and after consideration of ORCAA staff's recommendations and all public comments received, my final determination is to approve PNWRE's NOC application subject to specific Conditions of Approval.

ORCAA's Response to Comments is posted on ORCAA's website along with the Final Determination and Approval Order. That News post also provides information about ORCAA's decisions and action to conditionally approve PNWRE's project. See the news post at: <https://www.orcaa.org/final-determination-issued-pnwre-application/>

Appeals to ORCAA's Approval Order may be filed with the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and ORCAA. Appeals must be filed with the PCHB within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and a copy served to ORCAA in accordance with Chapter 371-08 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). The process for filing an appeal is explained in the PCHB's publication, [Your Right to Be Heard \(https://eluh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/2023_PCHB_YRTBH.pdf\)](https://eluh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/2023_PCHB_YRTBH.pdf). Filing an appeal does not stay (stop) the effectiveness of an Approval Order.

If you have any questions regarding ORCAA's Final Determination on this case, please contact Mike Shults from my staff at (360) 539-7610 extension 113.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff C Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Jeff C. Johnston, Ph.D.

ORCAA Executive Director