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To: **Jean-Paul Huys** **July 2, 2018**
Department of Ecology
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RE: Air Quality Fee Regulation Rulemaking


Sanjay Barik;

This is in response to your June 20, 2018 letter regarding proposed changes to two rules.

In regards to the fees we pay each year, I would not want to see an increase above the \$400 I am paying for a Tier 2 level.

While I can appreciate the cost of conducting your audit activities and other duties has increased, so has mine. Unlike your agency, I cannot just send out a letter of increase and customers will comply. I do not have that luxury of asking customers to pay more for the same work, simply because my costs have risen. This is a very competitive industry, despite the economic statistics, our construction activity continues to decrease each year and I have competitors who compete with me, and are not within your scope of regulations.

I have had a steady decrease each year since 2010, and your fee has gone from \$0, to \$250 and now \$400. I cannot pay any more a for a smaller activity level. Any increase will mean I will close this business by 2019.


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Dear PETER SCOVILL:

Ecology sent you a postcard in February 2017, announcing proposed changes to two rules – Chapters 173-455 WAC, Air Quality Fee Regulation and 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources. These changes will directly impact businesses such as yours that are required to pay fees for the registration program. Over the past few months, Ecology met with a workgroup made up of representatives from small to large registered sources and discussed the proposed changes. Ecology is preparing to move forward with the proposed rule and wants to make you aware of possible changes to your facility’s registration fee as well as upcoming public hearing dates.

The proposed rule requires all sources to register with Ecology. Ecology placed sources in one of six Tiers, based on their total emissions for a calendar year. According to our records, your facility’s total annual emissions result in the following placement:

Annual Emissions for Placement (tons per year)	Tier	Annual Fee for 2019
0.24	2	\$400

Ecology will hold a public comment period for these two rules from June 20 – August 3, 2018. Submit comments online at: <http://ac.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=rU53f>, or by mail to Jean-Paul Huys, Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600, or attend one or both of the following public hearings:

- Wenatchee Red Lion Hotel, 1225 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, on July 25 at 10 AM.
- Best Western Plus Lake Front Hotel. 3000 W. Marina Drive, Moses Lake, on July 26 at 10 AM.

Ecology’s website has further information including the proposed rule language <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-455-Feb17>

Sincerely,

Sanjay Barik, CRO Regional Section Manager