

Climate Action of Southwest Washington (Don Steinke)

Updated Pollution magnets

- Update: If the state legislature or state air agency has delegated Indirect Rule Authority authority to local districts (and EPA has approved it into the SIP), then a district may regulate indirect sources like warehouses.

The Indirect Source Rule within the Clean Air Act allows local clean air authorities, such as the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, to impose conditions on entities that attract polluting activities. Warehouses, rail yards, ports, parking lots, shopping centers and highways induce activities that increase air pollution. The South Coast Air Resources Board of California is developing a policy to reduce air pollution between their ports and the inland warehouses. The State of California is considering a law to do that statewide, as is the State of New York.

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ACTION: Direct the State Air Agency (Ecology?) to delegate Indirect Rule Authority to local districts. If legislative approval is needed, seek it.