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Updates on facilities progressing through Cleaner Air Oregon

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has updated the progress of facilities moving through the Cleaner Air Oregon program. Below is a brief description of the updates. View relevant documents and full details by visiting each facility's specific webpage.

Emerald Forest Products, Inc. Plant #1 (EFP#1)

https://www.lrapa.org/346/Emerald-Forest-Products-Inc-Plant-1

On December 15, 2021, LRAPA called Emerald Forest Products, Inc. Plant #1 into the Cleaner Air Oregon Program.

EFP#1 began operating in 1953 and is located at 118 Highway 99 N. in Eugene. EFP #1 operates two veneer dryers, five plywood presses, a natural gas-fired boiler with diesel fuel backup, and a variety of saws and wood-processing equipment. The facility is permitted to produce a maximum of 350,400,000 square feet of plywood on a 3/8" basis per year. (The 3/8" basis is the industry standard thickness of plywood panels. Most emission factors and emission estimates for plywood are based on a 3/8" panel.) EFP#1 has until March 15, 2022 to submit the CAO Emissions Inventory (Form AQ520).

J.H. Baxter & Co. (JHB)

https://www.lrapa.org/327/JH-Baxter-Co---Eugene-Plant

J.H. Baxter conducted stack testing in December of creosote and pentachlorophenol emissions for their Emissions Inventory. (Source testing, aka "stack testing", is a process that directly measures air emissions from point sources throughout a facility.) LRAPA had multiple staff onsite to observe the testing. JHB has until February 7, 2022, to provide the testing report to LRAPA.

International Paper (IP)

https://www.lrapa.org/331/International-Paper-IP-Springfield-Mill

International Paper's call into Cleaner Air Oregon was delayed. LRAPA initially anticipated calling IP into CAO in early 2021. This timeline was delayed to the end of 2021 due to IP entering Oregon's Regional Haze program which made regulatory changes to IP to reduce air emissions; LRAPA wanted these changes to be implemented before starting Cleaner Air Oregon.

In December of 2021, LRAPA decided to complete IP's permit renewal before moving the facility though the CAO process. LRAPA anticipates calling IP into Cleaner Air Oregon during the 4th quarter of 2022.

The Willamette Valley Company, LLC (WVCO)

https://www.lrapa.org/330/The-Willamette-Valley-Company-LLC

On December 22, 2021, LRAPA approved the Emissions Inventory (EI) submitted by the Willamette Valley Company. After a series of Emission Inventory extensions, meetings with the WVCO, and a CAO rule update requiring emissions from emergency generators be included in the Emissions Inventory LRAPA approved WVCO's Emissions Inventory. This EI accounts for all possible toxic air contaminant emissions and estimates the maximum quantity of pollutants WVCO could release based on the facility's processes and capacity.

The next step for WVCO is to begin a risk assessment of the facility. WVCO has indicated their intention to complete a Level 1 Risk Assessment. This is the lowest level of risk assessment, meaning it requires less sophisticated computer modeling of emissions but has the most conservative assumptions when determining risk. Because level 1 risk assessment calculations are less complex, they overestimate potential health risk. WVCO's modeling protocol for a level 1 risk assessment is due no later than January 21, 2022.

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