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Public Notice: Request For Comments

EPA proposes to issue an Air Quality Permit to Operate for Pace International, LLC – Wapato on the Yakama Reservation

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that EPA proposes to issue an air quality permit to operate and invite the public to submit written comments on this proposed permit through the process described in this notice.

Because the facility is located on the Yakama Reservation and because the Yakama Nation does not have an EPA-approved permitting program, it is the EPA's responsibility as the permitting authority to take action on the facility's air permit application.

When are written comments due?

The comment period closes on July 10, 2023.

What is being proposed?

The EPA proposes to issue an initial federal Clean Air Act Title V Permit to Operate in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, for:

Pace International, LLC
Yakama Reservation
5661 Branch Road
Wapato, Washington

The facility is a post-harvest coating manufacturing facility that emits regulated air pollutants. This permitting action allows the facility to operate for another five (5) years but does not authorize an increase in emissions.

Because the facility is located within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Reservation and because the Yakama Nation does not have an EPA-approved permitting program, it is the EPA's responsibility to issue the Operating Permit.

How can I review documents?

You can access, download and view an electronic copy of the draft Operating Permit, the Statement of Basis, the application and other supporting materials, including all data submitted by the applicant from the EPA's web site at https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/notices-search/location/Washington.

The Yakima Valley, Washington libraries provide free wifi and access to a computer with internet connection. The libraries' contact information is as follows:

Harrah Community Library
21 E Pioneer St
Harrah, WA 98933
Phone: (509) 848-3458
Hours:
M/F: 12 pm – 5 pm
Sat/Sun: Closed
Bilingual staff & free wifi

Mary L. Goodrich Toppenish Community Library
1 South Elm Street
Toppenish, WA 98948
Phone: (509) 865-3600
Hours:
M/F: 11 am – 6 pm
Sat/Sun: Closed
Bilingual Staff & free wifi

Wapato Community Library
119 E 3rd Street
Wapato, Washington 98951
Phone: (509) 877-2882
Email: https://yvi.org/contact/
Hours:
M/F: 11 am – 6 pm
Sat: 11 am – 3 pm
Sun: Closed
Bilingual staff & free wifi

For TTY users: please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

How can I make comments?

The EPA will accept written comments by e-mail to r10_air_permits@epa.gov (include "Draft Pace International, LLC Title V Permit" in the subject line). For other submission methods, please contact the contact for this action listed below.

How do I get additional information?

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Will there be a public hearing?

No public hearing has been scheduled; however, you may request a public hearing. A request for a hearing must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this notice and must include the nature of the issues to be raised at the hearing. EPA will base its decision on whether a hearing will be held upon the

showing of a significant degree of public interest.

What happens next?

The EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, the EPA may issue the permit, issue the permit with revisions or deny the permit.