



# Public Notice: Request For Comments

## EPA proposes to renew an Air Quality Permit to Operate for Yakama Forest Products on the Yakama Reservation

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that EPA proposes to renew 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 Tribe 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 September 12, 2025.

### What is being proposed?

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

Yakama Forest Products  
Yakama Reservation  
251 Medicine Valley Road  
White Swan, Washington

The facility is a wood products facility that emits regulated air pollutants. This permitting action allows the facility to continue operating for five (5) years but does not authorize an increase in emissions.

The Title V operating permit serves as a comprehensive compilation of the air quality requirements that are applicable to a source. Title V operating permits must also assure compliance with all applicable

requirements. Therefore, the proposed permit includes all air quality requirements applicable to Yakama Forest Products. In addition, the proposed permit includes source-specific testing, monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting where the underlying requirement does not include such requirements or where additional source-specific testing, monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting is necessary to assure compliance with the underlying applicable requirement.

### 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/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-pacific-northwest-region>. Click on the link associated with the Yakama Forest Products under the public comment opportunities.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### How can I make comments?

The EPA will accept written comments by e-mail to [r10\\_air\\_permits@epa.gov](mailto:r10_air_permits@epa.gov) (include "Draft Yakama Forest Products Title V Permit" in the subject line). For other submission methods, please reach out to the below contacts.

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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 by September 12, 2025, 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.