

# Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency



## A Message from the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

### Background

The Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (Spokane Clean Air) is the local agency that administers state, federal and local laws and regulations for managing air quality in the cities, towns and unincorporated areas in Spokane County. Spokane Clean Air staff inspect air pollution sources, issue permits, monitor ambient air quality, and educate the public about air quality.

Spokane Clean Air was formed under the 1967 Clean Air Act of Washington (Chapter 70.94 RCW). That Act required larger counties within the State of Washington to activate local air pollution control authorities. There are seven local air agencies in the state, plus the state Air Quality Program within the Department of Ecology.

### Agency Organization

Spokane Clean Air's Director is Bill Dameworth. The agency employs a professional staff to provide technical, engineering, compliance, administrative and clerical support. Below are key duties in these areas:

**Compliance**—conducts inspections, responds to citizen complaints, does routine surveillance, enforces air pollution regulations and participates in public education programs.

**Engineering**—reviews facility permit applications and assists businesses in their understanding of the regulations and in their selection of control technologies.

**Technical Services**—maintains the air monitoring network, conducts data analysis and quality assurance, and provides computer assistance to other agency staff.

**Education and Communications**—develops and implements programs to inform and educate local residents and businesses about air quality.

**Administrative**—provides a variety of specialized clerical assistance, and performs work in accounting and records management.

### Board of Directors

Spokane Clean Air's governing Board consists of one County Commissioner, one representative from each of the two largest cities (City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley) a representative of the County's small cities and towns, and a member-at-large who is appointed by the Board members. Our current Board Members:

Tom Brattebo, Chair, Member-at-Large  
Jeff Corkill, Vice Chair, City of Spokane Representative  
Ed "Chuck" Crockett, Small Cities & Towns Representative  
Rose Dempsey, City of Spokane Valley Representative  
Al French, Spokane County Commissioner

Unless otherwise publicized, the Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of Spokane Clean Air, 3104 E. Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99207. For meeting agendas and approved meeting minutes, visit [www.spokanecleanair.org](http://www.spokanecleanair.org) or call us at (509) 477-4727.

### Advisory Council

A volunteer Advisory Council is appointed by the Agency's Board to offer advice on air pollution policies, regulations, and programs. Council members represent the following areas of expertise: agriculture, air pollution control, chemistry, environment, fire protection, industry, public health, and a representative from the "business community" and citizenry.

For a current list of Advisory Council members, visit [www.spokanecleanair.org](http://www.spokanecleanair.org) and click on "about us."

**Preserve, enhance and protect the quality of Spokane County's air resource, for the benefit of current and future generations.**

*Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's Mission*

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### Agency Priorities

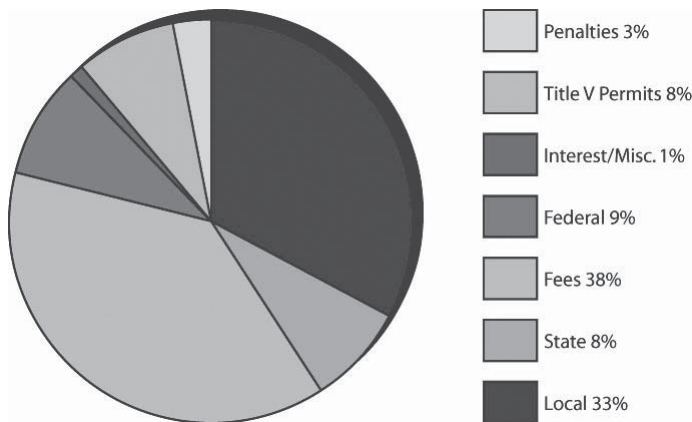
In pursuing our work to improve air quality throughout Spokane County, the following challenges and priorities are identified for 2010 and beyond.

- meeting the more stringent health protective standards for ground-level ozone and fine particles that are being developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- enacting a new odor and nuisance regulation to protect the public's right to enjoyment of life and property
- implementing new federal programs to protect the public from hazardous air pollutants
- maintaining adequate funding to meet these and other challenges

### Agency Funding

Spokane Clean Air's budget for Fiscal Year 2011 is approximately \$2 million. Funding comes from a variety of sources, including state and federal grants, and fees for certain services. In addition, Spokane County and its cities and towns contribute to the work we do on behalf of their citizens through an annual assessment based on a formula outlined in the state's Clean Air Act.

Funding Sources:



### State & Federal Air Quality Agencies

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) also have major roles in protecting air quality.

**Ecology** - is the principal environmental management agency for the state. Ecology is headquartered in Olympia, with regional offices in Spokane, Yakima and Bellevue. For more information about the agency and their programs, visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov> or call or visit Ecology's Eastern Regional Office, N. 4601 Monroe, (509) 329-3400.

**EPA** - develops national programs, technical policies, and regulations for controlling air pollution. EPA sets limits on acceptable concentrations of pollutants for the entire United States. This ensures that all Americans have the same basic health and environmental protections.

EPA delegates to states and tribes, responsibility for issuing permits, monitoring ambient air, and compliance assurance. EPA is headquartered in Washington D.C., and has ten regional offices throughout the nation, including Region 10 office in Seattle. For more information, visit EPA Region 10 webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/region10>, or call 1-800-424-4372.



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