

Pollution Prevention Program

Could your company use a free Pollution Prevention Consultation?

The Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (Spokane Clean Air) is now offering a free Pollution Prevention (P2) consultation to assist businesses in *meeting* and *exceeding* air quality regulations.

Benefits

There are many benefits associated with reducing the amount of air pollution coming from your business.

- **Reduced operating costs** - Many businesses that implement P2 protocols save money in product and labor costs.
- **Reduced compliance costs** - Some businesses are able to reduce air pollution emissions, which may reduce registration fees with Spokane Clean Air.
- **Reduced liability** - Removing hazardous products can reduce employee and community liability.
- **Increased productivity** - Some P2 protocols improve the efficiency of the manufacturing process, increasing worker productivity.
- **Improved company image** - By showing you care about your workers and the environment, and are implementing programs to reduce air pollution from your facility.
- **No obligation** - If you change your mind about the consultation, you may end it at any time. However, you must correct any potential violations noted by the consultant.
- **An investment in your business.**

Consulting Program

At your request, a Spokane Clean Air consultant will visit your workplace and help you identify:

- Opportunities for reducing air emissions, potentially lessening the regulations you are subject to, and saving you money.
- Areas that need improvement, helping you work towards compliance with current air quality regulations. The consulting staff does not have the ability to take enforcement action, but will ask you to correct an infraction within a certain time.
- Practical, best management practices for achieving these improvements, maintaining compliance, and going beyond compliance.
- Who you can call for assistance with other environmental issues.

The consultation program is free and available to any business registered with Spokane Clean Air, excluding businesses with Air Operating Permits (AOP) and or Synthetic Minor (SM) sources.

How to Get Started

Because the consultation is voluntary, you must request it. Your telephone call, email or letter sets the process in motion. The consultant will discuss your specific needs with you and set up a visit based on your schedule, and the time needed for the consultant to adequately prepare to serve you.



A Consultation Involves:

- **An opening conference** with management to explain the employer's rights and obligations.
- **A walk-through survey** to evaluate the processes and examine conditions in your workplace. The consultant identifies possible areas to improve.
- **A closing conference** with management to discuss any conditions noted during the survey and to make recommendations.
- **A checklist** describing any conditions found and any recommendations or agreements made.
- **A follow-up visit**, if appropriate, to assure that any necessary corrections have been made, to follow-up on any pollution prevention implementations and to gather data on costs and time saved, amount of emissions reduced.

Beyond Compliance:

A consultation will look at ways you can go beyond compliance, such as:

- **Pollution Prevention** – in some cases, implementing “source reduction” and other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants, allow a business to get below certain emission-reporting thresholds, resulting in reduced registration fees.
- **Material Substitution** – using materials that produce fewer or no hazardous air pollutants or volatile organic compounds, but still result in the same or an improved product, may save a company material costs and/or reduce the administrative burden that comes with compliance.
- **Manufacturing Method Changes** – advancements in manufacturing techniques can often reduce the pollution produced through process improvements and improved manufacturing efficiency.
- **Combustion Efficiency Improvements** – making equipment operate more efficiently can reduce energy consumption and reduce emissions.

The On-Site Consultant Will:

- Help you recognize ways to comply with air quality rules, regulations and permits.
- Suggest general ways that you can go beyond compliance, to further reduce air pollution emissions.
- Identify help available, if you need further assistance.
- Provide you with a written checklist summarizing findings.
- Assist you to develop or maintaining compliance, and implementing changes to further reduce air emissions.
- Provide training and education for you to pass along to your employees.
- Not issue Notice of Violation (NOV) for violations of air quality rules, regulations and permits. The consultant does not have the ability to issue NOVs. But, the consultant will report possible violations if it's not corrected within an agreed amount of time.
- Not guarantee that your workplace will “pass” a future Spokane Clean Air inspection.

Sign up for a FREE Consult!

If you want to save time and money, sign up for the free pollution prevention consultation services:

- Call 477-4727, ext.# 114.
- Email mchambers@spokanecleanair.org.

Participation in Spokane Clean Air's pollution prevention program does not create a contract between the agency and the participant. Spokane Clean Air will provide suggestions only, and the determination of feasibility and suitability rests solely with the participant. By registering/participating with the program, participant waives any and all claims of liability against Spokane Clean Air and its staff arising out of participation in the pollution prevention program.



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