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**Community Air Quality Forum Agenda
Monday September 16, 2019**

Meeting Time: 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

**Meeting Location: Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Conference Room,
186 Iron Horse Court, suite 101 Yakima WA. 98901**

I. Introductions

II. Topics:

Odor and Air Quality

FOIA Requests

Legal cost associated with PRA lawsuit

Fire management & Fire suppression

III. Discussion

IV. Close Forum

The next Community Air Quality Forum is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019

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**Agenda del Foro Comunitario de Calidad del Aire
Lunes Septiembre 16, 2019**

Tiempo de Reunión: 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

**Lugar de Reunión : Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency Conference Room,
186 Iron Horse Court, suite 101 Yakima WA. 98901**

I. Introducciones

II. Temas:

Olor y Calidad de Aire

Solicitudes de FOIA

Costo legal asociado con la demanda PRA

Manejo de incendios y extinción de incendios

III. Discusión

IV. Cerrar Foro

El próximo Foro Comunitario de Calidad del Aire está programado para el Lunes 16 de Diciembre de 2019.

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YRCAA Odor Rating Scale

In an effort to quantify the intensity of a particular odor, YRCAA staff may use the following scale to assign a numeric value, which corresponds to the appropriate description, to the odor:

- 0 - No detectable odor;
- 1 - Odor barely detectable;
- 2 - Odor distinct and definite, unpleasant characteristics recognizable;
- 3 - Odor strong enough to cause attempts at avoidance;
- 4 - Odor overpowering, intolerable for any appreciable amount of time.

The intensity of an odor is one of the criteria YRCAA compliance officers use to determine if an odor constitutes a violation. The other criteria are:

- Transport - if the intense odor extends beyond the property of the source;
- Duration - how long the intense odor persists beyond the property of the source;
- Frequency - how often the intense odor is present beyond the property of the source; and
- Impact - if the intense odor unreasonably interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of property beyond the property of the source.

Intense odors (a value of 3 or greater), if persistent or repetitive, are generally considered unreasonable, and thus, a violation if it transports beyond the property of the source and unreasonably interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of their property.

Best practices of several "observations" from upwind, downwind and side locations at several different times are typically used, at property boundaries or near sites of complaints. All observations are noted by location, time and intensity and type of odor observed.

NOTE: YRCAA field agents responsible for odor complaint response undergo an initial odor sensitivity evaluation. New field agents are then accompanied by an experienced agent for a period of time that provides developmental experience in evaluating odors. This period enables the agency to develop consistency among staff in evaluating odors.