



Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency's Registration Program

Approximately 370 businesses, located throughout Yakima County, are registered with the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA). Regulation 1, Section 4.01 lists sources that have been identified as having potentially significant air emissions. Businesses that fall into these categories are required to register with YRCAA.

Why register businesses?

Registration ensures that air emissions comply with applicable regulations and to maintain an accurate inventory of the air contaminants released into Yakima County's air. YRCAA uses this information to evaluate the effectiveness of local air pollution control strategies to attain and maintain national air standards. Registration includes reporting annual emissions to YRCAA and receiving periodic inspections from an Agency inspector.

Is there a fee for registering?

Yes, there is an initial fee for registering and an annual fee maintaining the registration of a business. Once registered, annual registration fees are charged to each registered source. The fee structure is designed so that smaller, less complex sources pay lower fees than larger, more complex sources. The collected fees partially fund the registration program. The fee amount varies depending on the classification of the business.

What businesses need to register? Existing and new sources of air contaminants must register with YRCAA. Each piece of process and air pollution control equipment used has specific requirements for its operation and maintenance.

- **Existing Facilities** need to fill out registration forms, itemizing the processes within the facility and the vents/exhaust points. Before processes or emission points are added or modified, the facility should contact YRCAA. A New Source Review (NSR) application and an Order of Approval may be required.
- **New Facilities** must contact YRCAA and follow the NSR Approval process, which also serves as the initial registration form for the facility. Additional permits may need to be obtained from other agencies, including city and county planning/zoning departments. Agency staff will gladly assist facilities with the registration and NSR process.

What does a business need to report? Businesses are required to report annually, per YRCAA's request, information about the source's location, size, operating hours, processes, throughputs, air contaminant emissions and other information relevant to air pollution.

Does YRCAA inspect businesses? Yes. Regular inspections of registered sources are conducted to verify compliance with existing air pollution regulations. Many registered facilities are inspected annually. However, the frequency varies depending on agency resources and priorities. In addition, facilities that are not currently registered are inspected in order to determine if they need to be registered.

What should businesses know about installing and modifying equipment?

An NSR Order of Approval permit must be obtained prior to modifying existing equipment or installing new equipment which will result in an emissions increase or which involves installing or modifying any air pollution control equipment.

