

Compliance Assurance Inspection

What to Expect During a Compliance Assurance Inspection

This provides a generic overview of what is reviewed during routine compliance inspections. An actual inspection is conducted in accordance with written procedures and guidelines contained in YRCAA Administrative Code, Part B, Section 5. Also, inspections prompted by complaints generally will be focused on the potential source(s) of the complaint and may follow a different procedure.

The Purpose of an Inspection

- Verify that air pollution control equipment is in good working order;
- Check that air quality best practices are used;
- Confirm businesses are following their air permit or NSR Order of Approval and applicable regulations;
- Share information and offer assistance; and
- Protect public health and the environment.

Who Is Inspected?

- Any business with an air pollution source required to register with Yakima Clean Air; and
- Any business for which YRCAA receives a valid air pollution complaint.
- Routine inspections initiated by Yakima Clean Air staff:
 - Are generally unannounced;
 - Include compliance assistance; and
 - May result in enforcement action.

Typical Inspection Elements

- Opening Conference
 - Inspector introduces themselves; and
 - Explains the purpose and plan of the inspection.
- Record Review of:
 - NSR Orders of Approval;
 - Operation and maintenance plans and records;
 - Process records and throughput records; and
 - Any other required record keeping.
- Processes and Equipment
 - Inspection of air pollution control equipment to ensure it is working properly, such as vapor recovery systems at gas stations, paint booths, dry cleaning machines, vent pipes, bag houses, etc;
 - Review of permit requirements, such as types of paint used; lids on solvent cans; and
 - Inspection of processes and other related equipment, such as grinders, thermo-formers and paint spray guns.





COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Closing Conference
 - Review of what was observed;
 - Provide copy of compliance status report, which may list correction items and due dates;
 - If violations were found, the Inspector will discuss violations found and corrections needed; and
 - Provide copies of applicable compliance assistance information and answer questions.

Questions?

- Yakima Clean Air staff is here to help. Let us know your questions or concerns.
 - Call (509) 834-2050 or email keith@yrcaa.org
 - Visit our website at www.yakimacleanair.org
- Schedule a compliance assistance consultation without risk of enforcement.
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