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PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

The EPA plans to renew an air operating permit for a fiberglass manufacturing plant in Wapato, Washington

Public comment period ends February 13, 2023

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on the proposed issuance of a draft title V Clean Air Act (CAA) permit for McClarin Plastics, LLC D/B/A McCLARIN Composites (McClarin) in Wapato, Washington on the Yakama Reservation. Because the facility is located within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Reservation and because the Yakama Tribe does not have an EPA-approved permitting program, the EPA is the CAA permit-issuing authority on the Reservation.

McClarin produces custom components from fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP or "fiberglass") for military, industrial, and commercial products, including: recreational vehicle and motor home parts, spas, military vehicle hard tops, bus parts, lavatory bath modules, food storage components for mobile food service vehicles, and industrial lift parts.

The renewal application that McClarin submitted is to renew its title V permit for an additional 5 years. At maximum operation, the facility has the potential to emit more than 100 tons per year of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and more than 25 tons per year of hazardous air pollutants, primarily styrene, making it a major source of air pollution subject to the title V permitting program. The McClarin facility already has a synthetic minor permit (Permit # R10NT500101 issued on September 28, 2016) thats limits VOCs to less than 249 tons per year, allowing the facility to establish itself as a minor source of VOC emissions for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program.

How can I get more information? You can access, download and view an electronic copy of the administrative record, including the draft permit, technical support document, permit application, and all supporting material from the EPA's web site at https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/notices-search/location/Washington. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. You can also request a physical copy of the administrative record or individual documents in the record by contacting the EPA's Christopher Familiare at (206) 553-1250 or familiare.christopher@epa.gov. You can also contact McClarin for more information: Shawn Mathews, (509) 877-2228, smathews@mcclarincomposites.com.

How do I comment on the permit actions? Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit actions, including the terms of the draft title V permit, to the EPA at r10_air_permits@epa.gov. Include "Comments on Draft Permit for McClarin" in the subject line of the email. If you are unable to submit comments via email, please call Christopher Familiare at (206) 553-1250. If you believe that any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues with supporting arguments by submitting your written comments on or before the end of the comment period. Any documents supporting your comments must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record for the draft permit or consist of tribal, state or federal statutes or regulations or other generally available referenced materials. The EPA will consider all comments received in making a final decision on the permit actions. The EPA will prepare a statement of reasons for changes made to the draft permit and responses to comments received and will send them, along with the final permit, to everyone who comments on

the draft permit. **All written comments must be received by the EPA on or before February 13, 2023.**

Will there be a public hearing? You can request a public hearing on the draft permit actions. Requests for a hearing must be received in writing by the EPA at r10_air_permits@epa.gov on or before the end of the comment period and contain your reasons for requesting a hearing. Include "Comments on Draft Permit for McClarin" in the subject line of the email. If you are unable to submit your request via email, please call Christopher Familiare at (206) 553-1250. If a public hearing is held, the comment period will be extended through the date of the public hearing.

Would you like to be on our mailing list? If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive future information about permits, please sign up at https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/forms/mailing-list-proposed-clean-air-act-permit-actions-epa-region-10.

For people with disabilities: Please contact the EPA contact listed above before the end of the comment period if you have any special requests for reasonable accommodations. For TTY users: please call the Federal Relay Service at 1 (800) 877-8339.

Other important information: All comments will be included in the administrative record without change and will be available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comments include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information the disclosure of which is restricted by statute. Information that is considered to be CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should be submitted **ONLY** through a non-electronic delivery method; such information should not be submitted through email. Contact at (206) 553-1250 or familiare.christopher@epa.gov for additional submittal information.

An email or postal address must be provided with comments if the commenter wishes to receive direct notification of the EPA's final decision following the public comment period.