

June 22, 2023

Dave Somers
Snohomish County Executive
3000 Rockefeller, M/S 407
Everett, WA 98201

Calendar Year 2024 Clean Air Assessment Notice

Unincorporated Snohomish County \$319,001 (this is not a bill)

Dear Executive Somers:

I appreciate your support for ensuring that residents in Snohomish County benefit from clean and healthy air. Our region's support for our work is critical to partnering with overburdened communities and reducing racial and social inequities in exposure to air pollution. It is also important to stay in full compliance with all federal criteria pollutant standards, and to mitigate the climate crisis.

This is your community's notification of assessment for air quality management in the Puget Sound region ("supplemental income" assessment as per RCW 70A.15.1590) calendar year 2024. The invoice will be mailed to you in January 2024. Payment will be due by January 31, 2024, or you can select quarterly payments option.

The Agency's Board of Directors approved the 2024 supplemental income per capita rate of 93 cents, a six-cent increase from the prior year. This increase will help to offset the recent inflationary (7.5-7.9%) impacts on the agency's expenses. Your portion of the supplemental income is based on a formula using your jurisdiction's population and assessed valuation of taxable property, as defined by the Washington State Clean Air Act (RCW 70A.15.1600).

As the entity responsible for air quality on behalf of the 82 cities/towns and four counties in our jurisdiction, we have leveraged our local funding in the last six years with almost 20 million dollars of state and federal grants and contracts to help clean the air and protect the climate.



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How We Work to Achieve Clean Air and Protect the Climate

Our work is defined by the federal and state Clean Air Acts and by our Board of Directors. The Clean Air Act prescribes air quality standards and laws designed to protect public health. Our Board sets additional goals and policy direction, responding to the needs and concerns in the Puget Sound Region.

Our Goals and Objectives

Our 2023–2030 Strategic Plan has four goals and seven objectives to protect and improve air quality and public health, reduce air pollution disparities, and protect our climate:

Goals

- Air pollution overall drops by 20% from 2022 to 2030, and the annual economic impact of air pollution health effects drops by \$500 million –\$1 billion
- Cancer risk from toxic air pollutants reduces by 50% from 2022 to 2030, especially in overburdened communities
- Socioeconomic disparities in air pollution exposure are cut in half
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Puget Sound region drop by 50% compared to 1990 levels overall than 1990 levels

Overarching Objectives

- 1.1 Meet or surpass the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- 1.2 Measure, analyze and communicate air quality risk
- 1.3 Reduce inequities in air pollution and effectively engage on air quality topics
- 1.4 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) to reduce our region's contribution to climate change
- 1.5 Prevent, reduce, and control emissions and exposure from stationary sources and their regulated activities
- 1.6 Reduce harmful wood smoke emissions and exposure
- 1.7 Reduce harmful diesel pollution emissions and exposure

The per capita assessment is an investment in the health of the citizens in your community and the region. Please contact me with whatever questions you have at 206.689.4004 or at my email ChristineC@psccleanair.gov.

Sincerely,



Christine Cooley
Executive Director