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As a community member living near the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility, I am deeply concerned about the potential health and quality-of-life impacts these proposed changes could have on our neighborhood. Allowing increased emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter—especially PM2.5, which is known to penetrate deeply into the lungs—poses a serious risk to the health of residents, particularly children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory conditions.

Moreover, the proposal to open the second bay door without sufficient odor-neutralizing measures raises significant concerns about increased odors affecting the daily lives of nearby families. This could degrade air quality and property values in a community already burdened by proximity to industrial activity.

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to reconsider approving these changes without more robust safeguards, such as stricter emission limits, mandatory odor mitigation measures, and enhanced third-party monitoring to ensure compliance. The health and well-being of local families should take precedence over operational convenience for the facility.

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Dear Ms. McFerran,

I am submitting public comments to PSCAA's Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 (Cedar Grove, Maple Valley). I am in strong opposition to this approval. My detailed comments are attached.

Best,

Kasia

January 29, 2025

Puget Sound Clear Air Agency  
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ATTN: Ms. Madeline McFerran

**Re: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 - Cedar Grove Maple Valley**

Dear Ms. McFerran,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. As a scientist with a PhD in Environmental Sciences & Engineering and a resident living approximately 2 miles north of the facility, I have both professional and personal concerns about this proposal.

I bring relevant expertise to this matter through my background in environmental consulting, environmental forensics, and current work in environmental policy. Additionally, as someone who actively supports responsible composting practices, I understand the importance of balancing operational needs with community impacts.

**Specific Concerns with the Proposed Changes**

1. Increased Emissions and Reduced Monitoring

Should Cedar Grove's permit application be approved, it would result in:

- An increase of 8.4 tons/year of VOCs
- An increase of 0.7 tons/year of ammonia
- Reduced frequency of third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannually
- Elimination of continuous monitoring requirements for several biofilter parameters
- Opening of a second bay door during operations

These changes would significantly reduce oversight while simultaneously increasing emissions, creating an unacceptable risk to community health.

2. Inadequate Technical Justification for Control Measures

While the Agency notably determined that the proposed odor curtain does not constitute Best Available Control Technology (BACT), the technical basis for subsequent decisions appears insufficient. PSCAA has not provided quantitative analysis comparing the effectiveness of various control technologies (odor curtain vs. biofilter) and has, therefore, not demonstrated that the approved control measures will adequately address increased emissions and odor.

3. Impact on Sensitive Receptors

The proximity of Maple Hills Elementary School to the facility raises critical public health concerns. Scientific literature extensively documents children's heightened

vulnerability to air pollutants due to their developing respiratory systems, higher breathing rates relative to body size, and increased outdoor activity levels. Given this well-established scientific understanding, any proposal to increase emissions near a school requires exceptional scrutiny and justification. The current proposal appears to disregard these fundamental public health considerations for our most vulnerable population.

### **Community Impact and Personal Experience**

As I write this at 9:30 PM on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the distinct odor of Cedar Grove composting has just invaded my living room after the seemingly innocent act of opening the door to let my dog out. This is part of a pattern that has defined my day - I first encountered the smell at 7:30am during my commute, then again while picking up my child from daycare in downtown Issaquah (over 5 miles from Cedar Grove's facility). And then, as expected, I smelled it with even more intensity upon arriving home at 5:30pm. January alone has brought at least five separate incidents of these pervasive odors to our community. The facility's persistent impact on daily life, coupled with the proposed relaxation of monitoring requirements, raises serious questions about regulatory oversight and community protection.

Since moving to our home in Issaquah in November 2020, my family has experienced firsthand the significant impact of Cedar Grove's current operations on our neighborhood:

- Frequent inability to open windows or engage in outdoor activities
- Persistent odors that affect quality of life
- Concerns about long-term health effects, particularly for my child
- Negative impacts on property values
- Lower inclination to engage in local recreation (e.g., hiking on Tiger and Squak Mountains, where I often smell Cedar Grove composting)

These existing issues demonstrate that the facility's current operations already exceed reasonable thresholds for community impact. **Any operational modifications should focus on reducing (not increasing) emissions, and strengthening (not weakening) monitoring requirements.**

### **Compliance History and Enforcement Concerns**

The proposal to reduce monitoring requirements while allowing increased emissions is particularly concerning given Cedar Grove's documented history of non-compliance. The facility has:

- Been the subject of thousands of odor complaints from community members
- Faced multiple lawsuits regarding their operational impacts
- Demonstrated a pattern of permit violations

This track record raises fundamental questions about the facility's ability to operate within permitted limits. It would be imprudent to grant additional operational flexibility and reduced

oversight to a facility that has consistently struggled to maintain compliance with existing requirements. The proposal to allow increased emissions and reduced monitoring appears to disregard this troubled compliance history and the legitimate concerns of the surrounding community.

### **Requested Actions**

1. Deny the proposed reductions in monitoring frequency and requirements. Instead, consider:
  - Maintaining or increasing the frequency of third-party evaluations
  - Expanding continuous monitoring requirements
  - Implementing more rigorous compliance verification methods
2. Reject operational changes that would increase emissions, including:
  - The proposed increase in VOC and ammonia emissions
  - Changes to bay door operations without adequate control measures
  - Any changes that would result in increase odor emittance
3. Require additional measures to reduce current impacts:
  - Implementation of more effective odor control technologies
  - Enhanced monitoring and reporting requirements
  - Development of a comprehensive community impact mitigation plan
  - Creation of a Community Data Dashboard where the public can monitor Cedar Grove air quality data in real time

It is PSCAA's responsibility to protect public health and ensure regulatory compliance. Given Cedar Grove's operational history, any modifications to their permit should move in the direction of increased oversight and more stringent emissions controls, not the opposite. I urge PSCAA to reject this proposal in its current form and instead require modifications that would reduce *current* community impacts. The Agency's mission to protect public health necessitates a more stringent approach to emissions control and monitoring at this facility.

Enclosed with this comment letter is a detailed set of questions regarding the proposed modifications. These questions underscore significant concerns about the proposal's direction – particularly why the Agency is considering permits that would increase emissions rather than focusing on reducing the facility's current impact on our community. I kindly request responses to these questions as part of the Agency's review process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kasia Grzebyk

Enclosure: Supplemental Questions Regarding Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573

## **Supplemental Questions Regarding Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573**

### **Air Quality Modeling and Emissions (Cedar Grove, Maple Valley)**

1. Has PSCAA modeled the impacts of proposed operational changes on:
  - ☐ VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter emissions?
  - ☐ Odor dispersion?
  - ☐ Bioaerosol concentrations?
  - ☐ If not, why?
2. What is the expected dispersion range of these emissions under:
  - ☐ Normal operating conditions?
  - ☐ Moderate weather events?
  - ☐ Extreme weather events?

### **Proposed Control Technologies (Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove, Maple Valley)**

1. What quantitative data support the rejection of the odor curtain in favor of biofilter coverage?
  - ☐ Why not suggest that both the odor curtain and biofilter be employed?
2. Please clarify the practical implications of limiting biofilter coverage to “surfaces of the feedstock pile accessible by front loader”:
  - ☐ What percentage of feedstock would remain uncovered?
  - ☐ How would this affect overall emission control effectiveness?

### **Monitoring and Compliance at Cedar Grove, Maple Valley**

1. What current air quality monitoring exists around the facility?
  - ☐ What parameters are measured?
  - ☐ What are the monitoring locations and frequency?
  - ☐ What is the public accessibility of monitoring data?
2. How does PSCAA verify facility compliance?
  - ☐ What is the inspection frequency and scope?
  - ☐ What are the compliance metrics?
  - ☐ What is the public accessibility of inspection reports?

### **Odor Complaints against Cedar Grove, Maple Valley**

1. What is PSCAA's protocol for investigating odor complaints at this facility? Please describe the following:
  - ☐ Investigation methodology
  - ☐ Odor quantification methods
  - ☐ Response timeline

2. Is historical complaint data for the facility publicly accessible? Specifically:
  - Complaint trends over the past decade
  - Resolution outcomes

**Environmental Review (Regarding the Determination of Nonsignificance for Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove, Maple Valley)**

1. Were public health criteria considered?
2. Please provide access to the environmental checklist and supporting documentation.

**PSCAA and the Community**

1. How does this proposal align with PSCAA's stated mission to "protect public health" and "improve neighborhood air quality" given:
  - The proposed reduction in monitoring requirements
  - The projected increase in emissions
  - The documented history of community impacts
2. What type of transparency and community involvement can PSCAA provide?
  - Does the public have a way to access air quality data for the Cedar Grove, Maple Valley facility?
  - Could PSCAA create a data dashboard that tracks air quality near Cedar Grove, Maple Valley in real time?

**From:** [Ada Liu](#)  
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Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley

Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

#### Proximity to Communities

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

#### Health Hazards

##### Respiratory and Cardiovascular Risks:

VOCs and ammonia are known respiratory irritants, exacerbating asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other lung diseases.

PM2.5 particles are small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, increasing risks of heart attacks, strokes, and lung damage.

##### Cancer Risk from VOCs:

Prolonged exposure to VOCs, some of which are classified as carcinogens, significantly increases the likelihood of developing cancer.

##### Impact on Vulnerable Populations:

Children, whose lungs are still developing, are particularly susceptible to air pollution. The elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions face heightened risks of severe outcomes.

##### Odor Concerns and Mental Health:

Persistent odors, exacerbated by the proposed opening of the second bay door, can lead to headaches, nausea, and stress, further reducing the quality of life for residents.

##### Reduced Monitoring and Oversight



The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

#### Cumulative Impact on the Community

The proposed changes have the potential to degrade air quality significantly in the surrounding area. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a public health crisis waiting to happen. Families should not have to choose between the safety of their homes and the air they breathe.

#### Request for Action

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

Maintaining or increasing the frequency of third-party evaluations.

Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.

Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.

Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

Sincerely,

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I strongly oppose any changes to the operation of Cedar Grove Composting unless they are to reduce odor emissions. In the past we had to sue Cedar Grove for the stink they admit. The suit resulted in some improvements, but the stink problem still exists and PSCA and Cedar Grove are not doing anything to correct the problem. They tell us that odors are not harmful to our health, but they do not provide proof of that. At one time smoking was not considered harmful to our health and the tabaco companies told us so. I do not trust statements from Cedar Grove or their consultants that are paid to provide an answer that is favorable to Cedar Grove. Especially in the summer the stink is so bad we cannot enjoy our own lards. I live a little over a mile from Cedar Grove and am disappointed that my government can or will not regulate the odor from Cedar Grove. It can be and is being done at other compost facilities in our state; it just costs more money. Allowing Cedar Grove to do less than other facilities gives them an unfair price advantage.

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**From:** [Valerie Barber](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
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January 29, 2025

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#### Proximity to Communities

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. My community, Maple Hill Estates will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

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- (1) Maintaining or increasing the frequency of third-party evaluations.
- (2) Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.
- (3) Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.
- (4) Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:56:37 PM

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Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

We are parents of a Maple Hills elementary student and community members that will be impacted by the proposed order of Cedar Grove. We are highly concerned for the well-being of our family, the elementary students, and our beloved community who will be breathing the unhealthy air from Cedar Grove. Please hear our concerns and make the right choice!

We oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

Here are some of our utmost concerns.

Children, whose lungs are still developing, are particularly susceptible to air pollution.

The elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions face heightened risks of severe outcomes.

The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

We urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

Maintaining or increasing the frequency of third-party evaluations.

Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.

Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.

Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. We respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

We already struggle with the horrible smells from this facility, but our health concerns far outweigh that! Please have compassion on our community and protect our quality of life.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca and Daniel Hagensen



**From:** [Mike Luedke](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:27:58 PM

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Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing in response to Cedar Grove's permit request 11573. For years, my family and I have endured frequent and disruptive odors emanating from the Cedar Grove composting facility. I have previously submitted numerous complaints regarding their failure to contain these odors, which directly impact nearby neighborhoods and schools. Cedar Grove's ongoing inability—or unwillingness—to adequately manage these fumes is both illegal and contrary to the welfare of the surrounding community.

I strongly object to any proposed changes or variations that will result in increased emissions of VOCs, ammonia, or other pollutants. Based on the permit information, the estimated potential increase of 8.4 tons of VOCs per year and 0.7 tons of ammonia per year is unacceptable and will further degrade air quality. It is the duty of Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to ensure that our community's air remains safe, healthy, and free of harmful contaminants.

Allowing Cedar Grove to relax monitoring requirements, reduce third-party evaluation frequency, and open the second bay door during operation—without sufficient safeguards—will only exacerbate the problem. These proposed modifications risk undermining effective pollution controls. We, as local residents, rely on the Agency to uphold its commitment to public health and the environment. We ask that you act in the best interests of our community and hold Cedar Grove to the highest operational standards.

Thank you for considering my comments on this matter. I trust you will thoroughly review Cedar Grove's request and take all necessary steps to protect the surrounding neighborhoods from further odor and air pollution problems.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Cedar Grove Compost Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
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Good evening,

How about Cedar Grove adding some emission reduction equipment to their operation while they are making improvements.  
Reducing the odors they are inflicting upon their neighbors would improve their reputation in the community.

Thank you,

David Quam

**From:** [Lisa Bell](#)  
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**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley Maple Valley, WA 98038  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 5:43:01 PM

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The smells continue to get worse. If we had known about this, we would have never purchased our house. We have a great home and nice neighborhood. Please do something about this smelly neighbor now!

Lisa Bell  
4089662574 (phone)

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**From:** [Nancy Martin](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 12:30:42 PM

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**Dear Ms. McFerran and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,**

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

### **Proximity to Communities**

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

### **Health Hazards**

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#### **2. Cancer Risk from VOCs:**

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#### **3. Impact on Vulnerable Populations:**

- Children, whose lungs are still developing, are particularly susceptible to air pollution.
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- Persistent odors, exacerbated by the proposed opening of the second bay door, can lead to headaches, nausea, and stress, further reducing the quality of life for residents.

### **Reduced Monitoring and Oversight**

The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

### **Cumulative Impact on the Community**

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### **Request for Action**

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As a resident of Maple Hills Estates for the past 5 years I do not understand how the approval came to the determination that it did of "non-significance". Every week we either get whiffs of the dump, or the compost facility, or both. Both smells are obnoxious and distinct and are common to our neighborhood more often these days. Some days it's strong enough to enter into the house, though all windows and doors are closed. I have filed many complaints about the smells over the last 5 years, yet I have not once seen anyone from PSCA come out after a report has been filed and have never been reached out to regarding the complaints that have been submitted. Any increase in VOC levels and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) is concerning to me as I've now got a 3 year old and another little one due in March. I do not agree with the approval of this order and believe it needs to be revisited by your agency, especially given the impact it can have on the students and staff of Maple Hills Elementary, which is just up the street from my house as well as the entire neighborhood.

Thank you,

Concerned Citizen  
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**From:** [Sriram Bhaiya](#)  
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**Subject:** Objection to Approval No. 11573  
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This is regarding the proposal for Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility for Notice of Construction (NOC) application that fall into three categories: modifications to continuous monitoring of the biofilters and third party biofilter evaluations (category A); opening the second of two tipping building bay doors during operation along with associated changes to work practice standards and compliance demonstration for the tipping building (category B); and installation of a replacement grinder in the existing grinding building (category C).

I live on 25006 SE 165th Street, Issaquah 98027. Already the processes implemented at the facility cause bad odor in the environment in my house. This change will make it way worse.

I strongly object to these changes. The agency needs to come to neighborhoods and experience the issues by themselves to see the impact of this facility.

Instead of approving these changes, this facility should be shifted out of its current location to a different location where so many residential areas are not so badly impacted.

I am not sure why so many conditions for this facility are being relaxed. The increase in emissions is not acceptable at all with the residential areas around. We have kids who play in the outside and are not able to do that most of the time because of the bad odor coming out of this facility.

The Cedar grove facility needs to do more to reduce the emissions and the odor that it is generating.

Sriram Bhaiya  
Resident at 25006 SE 165th Street  
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**From:** [Lynn Hall](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2025 1:34:43 PM

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Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

I reside in Maple Hills, a community negatively affected almost daily by Cedar Grove activities. I am retired and have health concerns that may be impacted by any lessening of monitoring requirements and/or operational modifications.

I believe there are potential public health risks these proposed changes pose to our community. Increased emissions of harmful pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5), directly impact the air we breathe. These substances are linked to serious health issues, including asthma, cardiovascular diseases, and even long-term respiratory damage—especially in children, seniors, and individuals with pre-existing conditions.

The proposed changes also reduce the frequency of monitoring and oversight, which could allow these risks to escalate unchecked. In addition, the decision to open the tipping building's second bay door raises concerns about odors and uncontrolled emissions affecting the quality of life in our homes.

#### Proximity to Communities:

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

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The proposed changes have the potential to degrade air quality significantly in the surrounding area. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a public health crisis waiting to happen. Families should not have to choose between the safety of their homes and the air they breathe.

#### Request for Action:

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

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The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health!

Sincerely,

Lynette Hall

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**"We are all connected; To each other, biologically. To the earth, chemically. To the rest of the universe atomically." - [Neil deGrasse Tyson](#)**



**From:** [Eric Rath](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Eric Rath](#); [Amanda Ozaki](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Saturday, January 11, 2025 11:35:22 AM

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To Puget Sound Clean Air

I Eric Rath and Amanda Ozaki who as residents in the Mirrormont Community on Tiger Mountain are letting you know on behalf of our tax paying family that it is of extreme importance to maintain the air quality monitoring at the Cedar Grove Facility.

It was monitoring of this facilities Air Quality that was part of the acceptance and support for Cedar Grove for the surrounding affected communities. We have already seen on multiple occasions when the air quality has not been in line and has proven that Cedar Grove cannot police themselves. Cost reductions to as businesses bottom line will always outweigh the incentive to uphold consistent healthy acceptable levels.

It is the responsibility of Puget Sound Clean Air to protect the residents and insure that the required monitoring and acceptable levels are met. It would not be acceptable to no longer support the tax payers in the affected areas and to relinquish their protection of Puget Sound Clean Air that your Agency was put in place to uphold.

Thank you,

Eric Rath  
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**From:** [Robin Bien](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 1:28:50 PM

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**From:** [Kyle Hennessey](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Pauline Bruce](#); [Kyle Hennessey](#)  
**Subject:** Nearby residents should get free disposal  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 10:04:43 AM

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I think that if we are in the zone of odor which reduces the value of our house because we have to disclose that when selling that we should get a small benefit. Free yard waste disposal

Kyle Hennessey

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**From:** [Valerie Mantz](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 9:19:22 AM

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I do not have a scientific understanding of allowing the increased emissions for Cedar Grove. It sounds to me that this means increased misery for all of us who live in the air path coming from the facility. There are neighborhoods within this path where the people lie victims to the inside of their homes when the stench waving in. My kids went to school at Maple Hills Elementary and now my grandchildren do. The stench occurs more often than any of us care to think about or what are the health implications to our children who play on that playground daily. Please take our concerns seriously. It's not pleasant. It impacts our health. It impacts our daily lives.

Valerie Mantz , Mirrormont Neighborhood

**From:** [J.R](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** CEDAR GROVE COMPOST TOXIC EMISSIONS & PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE COMMUNITY  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:21:03 PM

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The current level of emissions deemed "safe" by PSCAA and allowed to permeate the community within fifteen miles, conservatively, from Cedar Grove Compost are already toxic. The current emissions cause physical ailments when inhaled. Many members of the community have experienced migraine headaches, vomiting, rapid heart rate, muscle aches, neck stiffness, jaw stiffness, infected nasal tissue causing itching and bleeding, just to name a few. Many members of the community report ongoing and consistent health issues since moving to an area impacted by the Cedar Grove Compost toxic emissions. Cedar Grove does not emit a "bad smell", they emit toxins that reduce access to available oxygen and disrupt physiological systems humans depend on to survive.

PSCAA is well aware of these issues from the thousands of complaints filed year after year after year after year after year. PSCAA is well aware the current levels of Cedar Grove Compost emissions are making people very sick. PSCAA is well aware that any increase in these toxic emissions will have a very serious negative health impact on the community. PSCAA is well aware that any increase in Cedar Grove Compost toxic emissions will destroy the values of our homes and our livelihood.

I'm shocked and extremely disheartened PSCAA would consider forcing this level of additional destruction upon the impacted communities. The toxic air is already toxic enough, we are already sick enough.

Current Cedar Grove Compost emissions require my family to shut off all interior fans, shut off the heat, and ensure all vents to the exterior are closed. Cedar Grove Compost still seeps into our home. I suffer from constant migraine headaches, constant nausea, itchy bloody nose, stiff neck, stiff jaw, rapid heart rate, etc. I've been sicker the last six years than any other time in my life and it's directly related to the toxic air I'm forced to breathe from Cedar Grove Compost. I no longer go outside my home. I no longer open my windows. I am a prisoner in my own home and even then, I cannot escape the toxic air.

Our only remedy is to sell our home, but now Cedar Grove Compost, in conjunction with PSCAA, will make that more difficult also. With an increase in emissions, our home will immediately lose value. Our decision to move to this area in 2018 was one of the worst decisions I've made in my life. It's been nothing but constant sickness, constant worry, and being trapped inside my home. We can't go for walks in our forested community. We can't enjoy the outside space we work hard to finance. Every aspect of our lives has been negatively impacted by Cedar Grove Compost emissions.

Our community needs Cedar Grove Compost to invest in infrastructure to mitigate emissions and reduce the toxicity they release into the air. They are a privately owned facility, profiting off our suffering and have absolutely NO motivation to invest in improvements unless forced by permit or law. They will NEVER do better unless forced to do so.

Allowing Cedar Grove Compost to increase the toxicity and level of emissions is a death sentence for our community. Our children can't go outside at school, we can't take our dogs for a walk, we can't open our windows, we can't turn on our heat, we are sick all the time, we will lose our ability to sell our home and escape this nightmare.

**IT IS NOT A STINK, IT IS TOXIC AIR.**

Why is PSCAA considering increasing so much suffering? Why are profits for a few more of a priority than the health of thousands? How do you sleep at night knowing you're physically hurting people and destroying lives? How in the world could anyone justify a decision to increase Cedar Grove Compost toxic emissions when the current levels are so damaging?

**PLEASE PLEASE reconsider this decision. The emissions can't increase. We will be so sick. We will lose so much. Please don't cause this level of destruction. Please don't destroy our lives even more than they've already been destroyed. The air quality is a nightmare. Being sick all the time is a nightmare. We need improvements, not further destruction.**

**We live miles from Cedar Grove Compost. We experience all this sickness living miles from the facility.**

**For the sake of so many lives at risk, PLEASE do not allow this facility to make things worse for everyone.**

**CEDAR GROVE COMPOST - IT IS NOT A STINK, IT IS TOXIC AIR AND IT IS KILLING US.**

**Regards,**

**Jennifer Ray**

**206-434-6490**

**From:** [John and Barb Bruemmer](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov](mailto:reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov); [Doug Tanner](#); [John and Teresa Bloomers](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed Order Approval #11573 regarding Cedar Grove Compositing.  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:09:09 AM

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I am writing to complain that we received no advance warning of the hearing on this proposal. We certainly live in the area affected.

Often, very often, we are impacted by terrible odors. Not only are we repulsed by these strong odors but we have to worry that these odors may occur when we have guests. Would you want to have a bbq in your yard with the sickening sweet smell of compost permeating the air?

These odors diminish the value of our home and our community. We should have had advanced warning of this hearing so we could have participated and submitted comments in a timely manner.

We want to receive continued communication on your efforts to monitor these odors. How can we contact you in a timely manner so you can come to our neighborhood and find out how much we are impacted by Cedar Grove.

John and Barbara Bruemmer  
13207 233rd Ave SE  
Issaquah  
425 894 5365



**From:** [Morgan H.](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 1:45:11 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in opposition to Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley. Do not allow Cedar Grove to increase emissions.

My husband and I live in the Mirrormont neighborhood in Issaquah. Already, emissions from Cedar Grove make the air smell vile. It's a heavy sour smell that impacts quality of life. The smell is occurring more and more frequently and happens throughout the year.

We, along with neighbors, have submitted complaints about current Cedar Grove emissions via PSE Clean Air. Please review those and consider them additional public comment.

Cedar Grove needs to fix this problem, not make it worse. I request you reject this proposal.

All my best,

Morgan Hickel

**From:** [Emily Matys](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 - Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 4:10:01 PM

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January 31, 2025  
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105  
Seattle, WA 98101

ATTN: Ms. Madeline McFerran

Re: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 - Cedar Grove Maple Valley

Dear Ms. McFerran,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. As a scientist with a PhD in Environmental Sciences and a resident of Issaquah, I have both professional and personal concerns about this proposal.

From a professional standpoint, I am deeply concerned about the potential environmental impact of this facility. The proposed operations could lead to significant air and water pollution, which would adversely affect the local ecosystem and public health. The emissions from the facility could contribute to air quality degradation, posing risks to both human health and the environment.

On a personal level, as a resident of Issaquah, I am worried about the potential negative effects on our community. The increased pollution could lead to health issues among residents, particularly vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly. Additionally, the facility's operations could diminish the quality of life in our area, affecting property values and the overall well-being of our community.

I urge you to reconsider the approval of this proposal and to consider the significant environmental and health risks it poses. It is crucial to prioritize the well-being of our community and the protection of our environment.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Emily Matys, PhD

**From:** [RICHARD REININGER](#)  
**To:** [pat.mclaughlin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pat.mclaughlin@kingcounty.gov); [john.taylor@kingcounty.gov](mailto:john.taylor@kingcounty.gov); [reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov](mailto:reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov)  
**Cc:** [Public Comment](#); [bill.ramos@leg.wa.gov](mailto:bill.ramos@leg.wa.gov)  
**Subject:** Offensive Odors in the Issaquah Creek Valley 11:45 am to Now  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:05:05 PM

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Hi Pat, John and Reagan,

Offensive Odors are leaving the property boundaries from both Cedar Grove Compost and KC Cedar Hills Landfill currently - in violation of WA State Clean Air Statute. Offensive Odors are being detected over 3 miles away to the east in the Issaquah Creek Valley.

I just read the Seattle Times article on the back up and delay of Seattle's Waste Transfer trucks at both Transfer Stations and at Cedar Hills Landfill. While Seattle residents are not impacted by cost, Residents and Communities (most established prior to the Landfill) surrounding Cedar Hills Landfill are significantly being impacted. No resident of KC should be impacted by the disposal of Seattle and KC's waste. Please cease and desist. Residents of the Issaquah Creek Valley are entitled to Odor Free Air/Atmosphere by State Statute.

Thank you.

Rick Reininger

Issaquah Creek Valley Resident

**From:** [RICHARD REININGER](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 17, 2025 10:47:55 AM  
**Attachments:** [Cedar Grove Compost pscleanair 2025 No. 11573.docx](#)

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Dear Madeline,

Below is my Public Comment regarding the Subject Proposed Order. Please do the right thing for community residents.

Rick Reininger 206-402-7650

**Richard Reininger**  
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**Issaquah, WA 98027**

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**To:** [Madeline McFerran](#)  
**Subject:** Purposed Order of Approval Public Comment No. 11573  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 8:25:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [Purposed Order of Approval Public Comment No. 11573.pdf](#)  
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Hi Maddie,

Please see the attached scan of the public comment letter we received in the mail. I will place the hard copy in your mail folder. Please let me know how I can further assist.

Thank you,



**Lindsay Coleman-Patterson**

**Administrative Assistant**

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ATTN: Ms. Madeline McFerran, Engineering Manager

**RE: Proposed Order of Approval for Public Comment No. 11573 – Cedar Grove Maple Valley**

Dear Ms. McFarren,

This letter is my Public Comment regarding Puget Sound Clean Air's proposed action to issue a Determination of Non-significance for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. AKA - Cedar Grove Compost facility (one of the largest such facilities in the United States)!

For reference, please be aware of the following:

- First, there is nothing NON-SIGNIFICANT regarding Cedar Grove Compost's (CGC) operations that have not significantly impacted and directly affected the rights of surrounding property owners to enjoy and use their properties odor free from the stench-ings released by CGC's operations.
- WA State statute states that offensive odors are not to travel beyond a property owner's property line.
- Cedar Grove Compost started operating its facility in the late 1980's/early 1990's, several decades after the previous establishment of numerous major residential land uses north, east, west and south of its location off the Cedar Grove Road, Maple Valley, WA.
- While the King County land use designation is generally Rural Agriculture in the area, little to no agricultural activities take place in the surrounding area other than the building of rural residential horse farms and some very minor hobby cattle farms (serving the on-site resident).
- The majority of the land use surrounding Cedar Grove Compost is residential with the majority of properties being medium density - residential properties of ¼ acres.
- Additionally, the Maple Hills Elementary School is located approximately one-half mile to the west of the CGC facility.
- Residential Communities surrounding Cedar Grove Compost area are:
  - o Maple Hills and East Renton Highlands
  - o May Valley Community
  - o Sunset Valley Farms and South Firs

- High Valley Estates
  - Four Lakes
  - Mazama Woods
  - Lake Desire / Spring Lake Communities
  - Mirrmont Community / Tiger Mountain
  - Issaquah Creek Valley
- All the above-mentioned residential communities have been adversely affected and impacted by Cedar Grove Compost operations allowing offensive odors to travel beyond its property lines. Many of the above residential communities are 2+ miles (as the crow flies) away and more.

Since 1997, Cedar Grove Compost has continually allowed offensive odors to travel several miles beyond its property lines and impact the surrounding communities causing harm and preventing surrounding community residents from enjoying and using their hard-earned properties as intended by Washington State statute. Often offended communities are those located to the east of Cedar Grove Compost due to prevailing winds.

**Fact:** February/March 2001, Cedar Grove Compost agreed to settle a Class Action lawsuit of the surrounding community residents – *Anderson et al v. Cedar Grove Compost*. Fines were imposed and residents received financial compensation. Not adequate to offset the impact of CGC actions or lack thereof.

**Fact:** June 2018, Cedar Grove Compost agreed to settle the Class Action lawsuit *Avila v. Cedar Grove Composting* for denying residents their ability to enjoy and use their properties as intended. Monetary fines imposed and distributed to affected residents. Again, the fines were not adequate compensation to offset the impact of CGC actions or lack thereof.

**Fact:**

- Cedar Grove Composting has not been a good neighborhood or acted in good faith to follow the laws of Washington State and King County.
- Cedar Grove Composting continues to demonstrate that it is not capable of policing its own operations. There are numerous years of direct violations recorded by residents and reported / filed at Puget Sound Clean Air, dating back to 1996, as evidence in its archives.
- During the first two weeks of 2025, Cedar Grove Compost has allowed no less than four (4) odor violations to impact the Issaquah Creek Valley residents almost three miles east of its facility.

**Regarding PS Clean Air's PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION:**

- 1) Removing continuous monitoring of biofilter operating will provide an open license for Cedar Grove Composting to break the Clean Air statutes of Washington State and to actively stench the surrounding communities with offensive odors.

What are the Corrective Actions mentioned for the biofilters?



Will there be immediate fines executed against CGC when offensive odors drift off Cedar Grove Composting properties?

What protections will Puget Sound Clean Air be putting in place to protect the surrounding communities and children attending Maple Hills Elementary School? In the past, students were denied outside recesses when Cedar Grove stench-ings took place. How is PS Clean Air going to protect the students?

**Proposed changes should not be approved!**

- 2) Cedar Grove Composting, the applicant, is requesting the reduction of monitoring frequency of third-party evaluations from quarterly to quarterly to semiannually and increase reporting time from 30 days to 60 days.

Again, Cedar Grove Composting, for decades, has actively demonstrated that it cannot monitor and police its operations to prevent odors from traveling off its property. Thus, independent onsite monitoring is needed at both Cedar Grove Composting and throughout the surrounding communities.

Third party evaluations should not be reduced from every three months to every six months with sixty days for reporting submittal. Such a proposal pushes any potential corrective actions proposed by Puget Sound Clean Air for resolution out an additional five months. How is this protecting the surrounding community residents from on-going offensive odor stench?

**Proposed changes should not be approved!**

- 3) Request to modify Condition No. 13 of OA 10645 removing the requirement to keep the second bay door of the tipping building closed by proposing the installation of an odor neutralizing spray curtain. This modification should not be approved.

In years past, installed odor neutralizing spraying efforts have not been effective to reduce offensive odors from drifting outside Cedar Grove Composting's property lines. Tipping Building doors should remain closed.

**Condition No. 13 of OA 10645 should not be modified. Odor neutralizing spray should not be a substitute.**

- 4) Puget Sound Clean Air should maintain smoke testing if, it is required or needed to prevent odors from leaving Cedar Grove Composting its property lines to impact and prevent surrounding residential communities from using and enjoying their properties per statute.
- 5) Smoke testing reduction request from the current quarterly frequency to every six months should be denied.

A change in the smoke testing frequency evaluations should not be reduced from every three months to every six months with sixty days for reporting submittal. Such a proposal will push

any potential Puget Sound Clean Air corrective actions/resolutions out an additional five months. How would this proposal protect the surrounding community residents from on-going offensive odor stench? It would not.

6) Review of grinder replacement in the existing grinder building.

If PS Clean Air determines that a new improved more efficient grinder is appropriate to improve the quality of finished composting product and reduce odors from leaving the Cedar Grove Composting property, approval of its replacement should proceed.

In conclusion, Cedar Grove Composting and its owner, Steve Banchero and/or the Banchero Family, have for decades demonstrated the following:

- Current Operations create offensive odors which leave Cedar Grove Composting's property under the current Operating Agreement (OA).
- At least four violations of offensive odors have occurred in the first two weeks of 2025.
- Cedar Grove Composting cannot police its operations without violating Washington State Clean Air statutes. Decades of evidence exists at Puget Sound Clean Air dating back to 1997 or earlier.
- Cedar Grove Compost has not been a good neighbor to the surrounding communities.

In the past two decades, the surrounding communities have executed two class action lawsuits to persuade Cedar Grove Compost to operate in a somewhat decent manner to comply with Washington State Statute.

Currently, CGC is not operating per the existing Operating Agreement – four offenses in the first two weeks of 2025. How will CGC operate if the existing Operating Agreement is modified with reduced requirements? History is an indicator – surrounding community residents will suffer and not be able to enjoy the use of their properties!

In Bellevue, Cedar Grove Composts operations for finished product odors do not appear to flow off the property. Why have offensive odors continued to flow off Cedar Grove Composts Maple Valley and Everett operations?

It is Puget Sound Clean Air's responsibility to protect the citizens and its the resident's right to enjoy the use of property per statute.

Composting in general is good but composting should not impact and prevent surrounding community residents from enjoying their properties. Cedar Grove Compost must contain and keep its offensive odors within its property lines. Modifications to the current Operating Agreement should not occur. Please "do the right thing" and act accordingly to protect the surrounding communities.

Respectfully,



Richard Reininger

Issaquah Creek Valley Resident since 1984



**From:** [madoka ito](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2025 10:40:48 AM

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> To whom it may concern,

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> I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The odor got worsen over the past year and do not want anything to even worsen it. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

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> Proximity to Communities

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> Sincerely,

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> Madoka Hirayu

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> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Liz McKinnon](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Terry McKinnon](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 3:33:05 PM

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Dear Ms. McFerran,

We are writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility.

We reside approximately 2 miles north of the facility and have concerns regarding this proposal. We are both in the health care industry and have very significant concerns regarding the health safety of our community.

Our specific concerns with the proposed changes include the following.

1. Increased Emissions and Reduced Monitoring
2. Inadequate Technical Justification for Control MeasuresThe Agency has not provided quantitative analysis comparing the has, therefore, not demonstrated that the approved control measures will adequately address increased emissions and odor.
3. Community and health Impact of exposure to increased emissions.  
The proximity of Maple Hills Elementary School to the facility raises particular concerns regarding children's exposure to increased emissions. Other significant neighborhood impacts we are concerned about and have personally experienced from Cedar Grove's current operations include, frequent inability to open windows or engage in outdoor activities due to persistent and unpleasant odors, concerns about health exposure to ourselves, family, neighbors, wildlife and pets, and negative impact on property values.

We request the following actions:

1. Deny the proposed reductions in monitoring frequency and requirements.
2. Reject operational changes that would increase emissions, including the proposed increase in VOC and ammonia emissions
3. Require additional measures to reduce current impacts, including implementing more effective odor control technologies, enhancing monitoring and reporting requirements.

It is PSCAA's responsibility to protect public health and ensure regulatory compliance. The Agency's mission to protect public health requires more strict emission control and monitoring of this facility.

We cannot underscore any more our significant concerns about the proposal's direction and particularly why the Agency is considering permits that would increase emissions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Dr. Lisbeth McKinnon and Terrence McKinnon  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Edith Rice](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes at Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:37:34 PM

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We have lived in Maple Hills for over 40 years. The odors have been a problem which we have been smelling again lately. We want to object to the update of January 31st, 2025 regarding the changes to the Cedar Grove facility. We have had enough impact from Cedar Grove already and don't want to be burdened again with more odors and limited oversight. The facility has to be safe for all the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please do not implement these proposed changes.

Edith & Duane Rice

**From:** [Alyssa Charles](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove proposed permit 11573  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 12:29:52 PM

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Dear [Recipient's Name],

I am emailing you in regard to the proposed permit that would allow Cedar Grove to potentially emit more odor.

My family and I have lived in Maple Hills for the last 10 years. We love it here. However, over these years, the smells that come from Cedar Grove are among the most foul and disturbing smells I've ever experienced. Not only does it smell outside, but the odor permeates the inside of all of our homes as well. Sometimes it is so horrible that it wakes you up, giving you headaches. As you can imagine, we worry about the safety and health of ourselves and the rest of the community.

I understand that you are working hard to address community concerns. I would appreciate any measures that can be taken to reduce the odor. Please let me know what steps can be taken to address this issue. I request that the permit not be approved, as we are desperate for some reprieve from these odors; the thought of them becoming worse is an absolute nightmare.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your efforts in resolving this issue.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Charles

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**From:** [Joanna Hodgson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 10:46:19 AM

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January 9, 2024

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley

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**From:** [beekay1340@gmail.com](mailto:beekay1340@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:04:58 PM

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**From:** [Eric Hudson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Reagan Dunn](#); [Bill Ramos](#); [Callan, Lisa](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Composting PSCAA Proposed Approval Order 11573 Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 12:06:29 AM

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Comment on Cedar Grove Composting requirements change:

PSCAA representatives,

As someone who has lived within "smelling distance" of Cedar Grove Composting for 12 years, I would like to state that Cedar Grove still stinks up the neighborhood far too often and regularly, even within the last week.

Since its beginning Cedar Grove composting has **never** met basic requirements with respect to the surrounding neighborhood.

An ordinary person would be in jail if he stunk up his neighborhood for years, had thousands of complaints, and didn't fix the problem. But Cedar Grove gets a free pass from PSCAA and other regulators.

**The requirements on Cedar Grove need to be strengthened, not reduced.**

Relaxing the requirements upon Cedar Grove composting will be taking steps in the wrong direction. It is very disappointing that PSCAA is even considering approving this proposal.

Instead of lowering the requirements, why is Cedar Grove not required to adopt the latest BACT (which includes an indoor facility among other things)? Instead PSCAA is allowing itself to be lobbied by them.

PSCAA is allowing Cedar Grove to increase harm and risk to the surrounding area.

PSCAA should be requiring the 2024 BACT must be adopted. Cedar Grove has never met the requirements therefore the compliance basis should be the latest rules and technology.

Merely showing improvement is not good enough when you started out so badly. Neighbors have been sickened for years.

This is a residential neighborhood, not an industrial zone. Cedar Grove needs to behave just like any other resident of this neighborhood is required to behave.

The only acceptable level for emitting anything toxic is zero. The odors are making people sick. They are obligated to use the best available controls, but **relaxing the requirements, by definition, doesn't meet the obligation to use BACT** .

Proposal 11573 is basically **a request by Cedar Grove to be allowed to break the law and get away with it.**

CEDAR GROVE SHOULD BE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO **REDUCE EMISSIONS** , NOT LOBBYING PSCAA TO LOWER THE REQUIREMENTS SO THEY CAN POLLUTE MORE!!!

If any King County citizen stunk up their neighborhood as bad as Cedar Grove, and refused to fix it, that person **WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ARRESTED!**

Why is Cedar Grove being given a free pass? Why does PSCAA allow Cedar Grove to break laws and create a toxic nuisance by stinking up a residential neighborhood, when any other resident would be

arrested for doing the same?

PLEASE, PSCAA, make Cedar Grove behave the way all the rest of us are required to behave. No one can stink up the neighborhood where they live and get away with it forever.

Until they reach near zero complaints, the requirements should not be relaxed.

Remember the most vulnerable people are not as vocal. Please consider those with respiratory diseases who moved to a rural neighborhood to get out of the polluted city.

This is not an industrial zone, as I said earlier. Thousands of people live nearby. There is also an elementary school nearby.

Cedar Grove has still been sickening people and reducing the quality of life for surrounding neighbors for years.

Cedar Grove has been composting by trial and error for years, and they still haven't figured it out, they're still making errors and polluting the surrounding neighborhood.

The neighbors are guinea pigs in their experiment, and they're making money off of it.

Cedar Grove Composting has been allowed to do harm to the neighborhood in which it exists ever since its inception. Everyday citizens cannot harm their neighborhood and get away with it, why is Cedar Grove Composting allowed to do so?

I'm disappointed in PSCAA that this proposal is even being considered. Please fulfill your mission and deny this proposal.

Thank you

Eric Hudson  
Cedar Grove vicinity neighbor

**From:** [Eric Hudson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove: Permitted & Privileged to Create Nuisances Forever  
**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 1:41:13 PM

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People are being sickened, **still**. Do Not Grant the Order of Approval Rules Reductions.

Question: Who in King County is allowed to **create a neighborhood nuisance forever**? No one is, yet Cedar Grove Composting has been creating one for years.

Please end the privileges granted to Cedar Grove that allow them to create a nuisance forever.

They still receive many many complaints. But they don't have operations suspended, **why not?**

Restaurants in KC get temporarily shut down when they don't follow the rules. Why can't they do that to Cedar Grove?

Why don't people who **LIVE** here matter as much as those who make money off the area?

Just because they've improved the complaints doesn't mean it is good enough. **The odor is still an illegal nuisance**

**Do Not Give them a Privilege!** Cedar Grove's Stink Problem has Never Ended. They're still **composting by trial and error** just like when they started.

There is too much profit in skirting the rules. They'll exceed whatever limits are given to them when it makes them money to do so.

**THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. PEOPLE LIVE HERE. PLEASE MAKE CEDAR GROVE BE A REASONABLE NEIGHBOR AS THE LAW REQUIRES!**

Thank you

Eric

**From:** [Moriah Mock](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Maple Valley - Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025 8:44:25 AM

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Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

As a resident of Mirrormont, I'm writing to request continued monitoring of Cedar Grove.

Cedar Grove stinks. It stinks up the air for miles around it, affecting thousands of people and their neighborhoods. We often smell the sour stench of Cedar Grove in Mirrormont, and it makes being outside or opening the windows infeasible. It is such a shame living in a wooded, peaceful area only to have the stench of Cedar Grove make everyone not want to be outside. It affects quality of life, health, and property values.

Cedar Grove is a private company. They will not monitor themselves if given the choice. The stink coming from the site is bad enough with oversight and will only get worse if left up to them.

Please continue to monitor Cedar Grove.

Thank you,  
Moriah

**From:** [Kevin Selkowitz](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:06:58 PM

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Its shocking to me to even consider any action that would further degrade air quality for the residents and schools in the vicinity of this facility. The odor currently is often intolerable and while numerous complaints are filed, nothing is ever seemingly done about them. This organization is a cruel joke on our community and needs to act in the best interest of people's health.

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**From:** [Erin Childs](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025 5:18:16 PM

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**Dear Ms. McFerran and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,**

I realize that I am past the 1/31/25 public response deadline for the proposed order No. 11573, but feel compelled to respond even if my voice cannot be included in the tally of responses to this proposed order. My partner and I experience ongoing exposure to sickening, and at times, throat-burning odors that envelop our neighborhood of Maple Hills, Renton. These odors prevent us from going outside and enjoying our home in fear of the chemicals contained in the foul odors. At times the odors are so strong they are detectable from the interior of our home. In 2017, my partner at the age of 39 and in peak health was diagnosed with stage-4 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and follicular lymphoma. Needless to say, we are deeply concerned that his exposure from living in close proximity to both the Cedar Grove Compost and Cedar Hills Landfill facilities since 2005 was the causative factor in his development of cancer.

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**From:** [Erik Hyypia](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Response - Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:14:24 AM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
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Dear Madeline McFerran and CleanAir.org,

Our response to Cedar Hills Landfill seeking to weaken monitoring and restrictions on air quality is a vehement NO.

It is 2:30 AM, Thursday, two days before this request for public comments closes. There is a vast stench pervading the air and invading our house from Cedar Hills. In spite of closed windows, and in spite of a MERV-13 air filter in our central heating system, the smell of rotting, decaying, burning funk is so strong our bodies are on alert and unable to sleep. There is no escape. We have to breathe this air, and we are outraged about this ongoing situation. We are sick and tired of paying the price of our health for Cedar Hills Landfill's irresponsibility.

This is one of countless incidents over the 11 years of living here, days in which we cannot go outside without gagging, days in the heat when we must keep all the windows closed and sweat it out, nights when we are denied sleep from living down wind of an irresponsible garbage dump.

Thousands of homeowners and school children in Issaquah, Mirrormont, Squak, Tiger, Renton and other surrounding communities gag along with us, subject to the awful stench and direction of the wind. Nextdoor.com and the neighborhood text chains are rife with anger at Cedar Hills. If you want to fact check that, visit Maple Hills Elementary School or join the local nextdoor.com boards here.

Cedar Hills seeks to weaken or eliminate air quality monitoring. Hell no. We want air quality monitoring *strengthened*, and we want stiffer punishment fines when Cedar Hills dumps the vomitous miasma over all of us, strong enough to make them clean up their operations.

This proposal is *not* non-significant. It is extremely significant to all of us in the worst way possible. Please REJECT the proposal. If the proposal passes, it will be time for yet another class action lawsuit to keep them in line.

I get it, landfills are complex, technological marvels requiring good maintenance and

good operations. Cedar Hills is a poor operator who impacts the surrounding community. They are consistently a bad neighbor. Rather than us continually paying the health costs of their poor operation, it's time to push back on sloppy operations and corporate greed to bring them back into line.

Please REJECT this proposal and side with the people who live here, work here, raise their kids here, and pay taxes here.

Thank you,

Erik Hyypia and Marisa Kallman  
13116 229<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Issaquah, WA 98027  
425-233-1197

#### SUPPORTING DATA FROM 3:00 AM LAST NIGHT

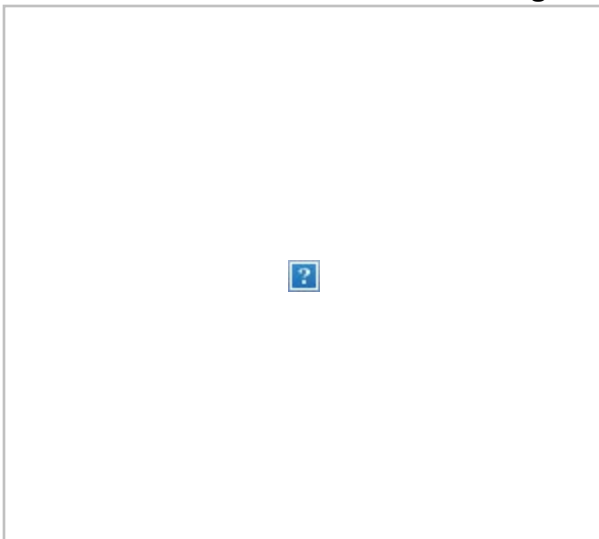
Heat blooms at Cedar Hills Landfill are regularly cataloged by wildfire satellites. This is from the FWAC wildfire tracking app. The blooms occur mostly at night.



Our location relative to Cedar Hills Landfill



We are the downwind victims of last night's stench.



There is no doubt that Cedar Hills is the culprit for last night's, and countless other night's, stench.

**From:** [Meghan Moraine](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment RE: Proposed Order of Approval for Public Comment No. 11573 – Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 4:22:28 PM

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January 31, 2025

ATTN: Ms. Madeline McFerran, Engineering Manager

RE: Proposed Order of Approval for Public Comment No. 11573 – Cedar Grove Maple Valley

Please consider this email my Public Comment regarding Puget Sound Clean Air's proposed action to issue a Determination of Non-significance for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility.

My family lives approximately three miles from the Cedar Grove compost facility and paid a sizable amount for our home (which was built long before the landfill and compost facility). Cedar Grove Compost has consistently had a significant negative impact on our family and neighborhood with nefarious odors. Cedar Grove Composting continues to demonstrate that it is not capable of policing its own operations and is not sufficiently managing odors that travel to the surrounding communities. If this proposal goes through the residents in these communities will suffer.

Cedar Grove has not acted in good faith to follow the laws of King County and Washington State. There are many years of direct violations recorded by residents and reported to Puget Sound Clean Air, dating back to 1996. In the past two decades, the surrounding communities have executed two class action lawsuits to try to get Cedar Grove Compost to operate in a neighborly manner and comply with Washington State Statute. This has not been successful! Our properties and our enjoyment of the outdoors are significantly impacted. And it would not be surprising to find that our health is being impacted.

I learned on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> how to submit a complaint regarding odor violations which impact my area of Issaquah Creek Valley. In that two-week time, I have officially reported at least 4 violations. But in our time in the neighborhood (and the Mirrormont neighborhood) odors have been a problem for many years. Less frequent monitoring and less stringent requirements will only mean more smell and air pollution to surrounding

communities.

It is Puget Sound Clean Air's responsibility to protect the citizens, and it is our right as residents to enjoy the use of our property per statute. We should also have healthy air to breathe.

Ms. McFerran, please protect the surrounding communities which include my family. If anything, monitoring should be increased, and additional measures should be taken to make sure Cedar Grove Compost operates in a manner compliant with the existing Operative Agreement.

Thank you for your time,

Meghan

Issaquah Creek Valley Resident since 2022 and Mirrormont Resident since 1981

**From:** [Lindsey Shaw](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:13:26 PM

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**From:** [Joseph Clark](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 9:46:52 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am very much against reducing restrictions on Cedar Grove and the likeliness of increased emissions.

I live in the Mirrormont neighborhood and I already have to deal with odors from Cedar Grove frequently. This affects wanting to be outdoors or having my windows open at home.

I think this company needs more than less oversight and restrictions if their stench impacts the lives of people within a 5 to 10 mile radius.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,  
Joseph Clark



**From:** [Dan Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:07:52 PM

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**From:** [Curtis and Leslie Green](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 8:29:32 PM

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1. The emission increase associated with the change in method of operation of tipping building is of great concern for this already environmentally marginalized community. The PSCAA should assess all environmental impacts in the region (Cedar Hills Landfill, Queen City Farms, Cedar Grove Compost) to fully understand that to allow any operational changes that would add more toxins, and odor potential into this immediate region's air would be to further disparage an environmentally marginalized community that has already been subjected to years of off-site toxins and stench. There is an elementary school in close proximity and has a history of noxious odors being experience directly from Cedar Grove Compost. As a Clean Air Agency an approval of this request is diametrically opposed to Air Quality Basics. Clean ,healthy air is essential to our day-to-day well-being, our long-term health, and the health of our environment. The Clean Air Agency is to focus its efforts on reducing air pollutants not increasing them.
2. Due to the history of decades of permit violations, non-compliance issues, repeated lawsuits from the surrounding communities, it is reasonable to maintain strict oversight and continuous monitoring of biofilters operating parameters. This industrial polluter must have the strictest oversight to insure the public day-to-day well-being and long-term health, and the health of our environment. There is no justification for loosing any operational conditions.
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5. No modified smoke test. This community deserves best practices in all areas of operation. Unless the new test modification is greater than the current method it should not be allowed.

To lower any requirements on this industrial polluter in order to accommodate the industry is not the mission of the PSCAA. Poor permitting decisions (like the ones being considered for allowance) poor enforcement, have led to decades of environmental impacts that should never happen to any community. We are politically under represented, environmentally marginalized, disparaged by the inaction of those that have the power to regulate this Industrial Polluter. I very seldom say deserve, but I will use it here. We are the victims of years of exposure to air impacts from this Industrial Polluter. We deserve to be of the greatest consideration of any changes that will effect our health and right to enjoy our life and property.

Regards

Leslie Morgan  
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Renton, WA 98059

**From:** [John Costello](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Stinking up the valley  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 11:03:32 AM

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No additional stink required, its bad enough already.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [ethan jordt](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:07:34 PM

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**From:** [Heather](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar grove  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 4:21:37 PM

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Hi there, we smell toxic noxious smells all the time from cedar grove . For years we have had to keep our windows and doors shut during the summer months as the stench was so bad. Will you rectify this problem or make it worse at cedar grove . ( four lakes residents)  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Heather Morris](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar grove changes  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 12:11:30 PM

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Pleas do not make the air smell even more then it does. There are times when I want to work out in the yard and can not due to the smell from cedar grove.  
Thank you, Four lakes residence

**From:** [Tim Shupe](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed removal of air monitoring at Cedar Hills Regional Landfill  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 5:46:50 AM

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I live at 25250 SE Mirrormont Way, Issaquah, WA 98027. I suffer from noxious smells regularly from the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

They should be fined, and required to fix the ongoing problems not allowed to reduce the active monitoring.

For the last week the smell has been so bad, we assumed our septic system needed maintenance, only to learn from the septic company that it was fine and the smell was "everywhere around here, from the landfill."

Furthermore according to the CDC:

Landfill smells can be dangerous because they can contain harmful chemicals like hydrogen sulfide and methane. Exposure to these chemicals can cause health issues like coughing.

You cannot in good conscious allow this to move forward.

Sincerely,

Tim Shupe

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**From:** [Christie Jacox](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:42:05 PM

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**From:** [Karen Kirsch](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Cedar Grove Permit Application  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 1:48:17 PM

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Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Cedar Grove's permit application for operational changes. As a resident of Maple Hills Estates, I have experienced firsthand the persistent odor issues from the facility, which have negatively impacted our community for decades. Any modifications that could further worsen air quality and odor pollution pose a serious risk to our health and well-being.

I urge you to deny this permit application to protect our community from increased environmental harm. Please prioritize the health and quality of life of those affected.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [trudim1@comcast.net](mailto:trudim1@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed order 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 2:13:06 PM

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Good morning,

We live in the neighborhood with our children and grandchildren. This proposal adversely effects all of our health. The increase in odor is unacceptable and the greater VOCs and particulate matter emissions are deadly.

This should not be approved.

Trudi Mueller

**From:** [Megan Sloan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 1:17:30 PM

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**From:** [Janet Dobrowolski](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on Proposed Order of Approval #11573 for Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 5:19:13 PM

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Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley

Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

#### Proximity to Communities

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

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- Persistent odors, exacerbated by the proposed opening of the second bay door, can lead to headaches, nausea, asthma responses and stress, further reducing the quality of life for residents.

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The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk.

Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

Cedar Grove must be held accountable for the odors that leave their facility, as the operating permit

states. However, without outside monitoring from the 3rd party, the current operational requirements, and monitoring from PSCAA for odor violations, the odors WILL increase. An increase in the odors that are already in violation is not acceptable. The odors are not to leave the boundaries of their property, period.

#### Cumulative Impact on the Community

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I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

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- Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.
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- Provide additional PSCAA personnel to investigate odors WHEN they happen, not depend on Cedar Grove to self regulate.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

Sincerely,  
Janet Dobrowolski

**From:** [Janet Dobrowolski](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on Proposed Order of Approval #11573 for Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 12:28:50 PM

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## Public comment on Proposed Order of Approval #11573 for Cedar Grove

Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

**According to the proposal, PSCAA estimates potential emission increase associated with the change in method of operation of the tipping building is 8.4 tons/year volatile organic compounds (VOC) and 0.7 tons/year ammonia.**

PSCAA has made a **determination that the proposal would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment**. The communities are already adversely affected by the emissions from this facility. and you want to make it worse? By significant, do you mean it won't impact the environment say 300 days per year, only 250? Your "determination methodology" is questionable.

Why would the agency allow additional emissions when they already violate their current emissions standards and regulations? The odors from the compost are present multiple times per year and you want to increase that? Emission control has improved over the last few years, but they are still present. Just last week the odor was so bad that it permeated into my house, which it rarely does. I did file a complaint but it was around 9 at night, so I knew no investigation would be forthcoming.

As I understand it, PSCAA does not have enough agents to properly assess the odors every time complaints are filed. Rather they contact Cedar Grove and have them "self regulate and report". It is unacceptable to have businesses self regulated especially when their violations affect the public.

With King County's push to recycle organics, if the additional tonnage goes to Cedar Grove, the odors will only increase. Relaxing their requirements is not in the public good.

I respectfully request you deny their proposed changes and protect the residents for once.

Sincerely,  
Janet Dobrowolski

**From:** [sue neuner](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar grove  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025 10:49:02 PM

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Do not approve any changes that make it easier for them to. Pollute our air . I live to the west of them at the same location since 1984. So before them , I've called to report their stretch for years . Even this week I've had to call.  
Sue neuner  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Craig Smith](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Hills Landfill  
**Date:** Saturday, January 11, 2025 11:52:57 AM

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I live in Mirrormont, where the stench in the air from Cedar Grove Landfill can be overwhelming, and at times just plain sickening.

Because of the regulations and testing and monitoring by Puget Sound Clean Air that has been put into effect, the air quality in Mirrormont has been MUCH better.

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Cedar Grove Composting will never clean up their own act, or self-comply. We know that by living here. Please don't lessen any of the controls you have put over them.

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**From:** [Craig Smith](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cedar Grove Composting  
**Date:** Monday, January 13, 2025 8:12:26 AM

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**From:** [Ryan Daniel Dobson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Sarah Dobson](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Composting Facility  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 7:47:52 PM

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Dear Ms. McFerran and PSCAA,

Thank you for taking the time to read these community responses and consider residents' experiences as you assess the compost facility's request to change how they are regulated.

My wife, two children, and I live about 2 miles away from the composting facility on the south side of Squak Mountain. Even under the current regulatory limitations, there are days when the odor from the composting facility is so strong that my kids will not go outside. My wife and I are hesitant to invite people to our home when the weather is nice outside because it may smell so bad as to send guests fleeing for their cars.

Beyond the disheartening, disgusting odor, we worry about the impact these pollutants represent to our family's health. Our kids attend local schools (Maple Hills Elementary, Maywood, Liberty) and have talked about how affecting the smell can be while they're at school. During summer swim team at Maple Hills Elementary they have talked about "hiding" under the water to get away from the composting smell. Quite the sad memory when you think about the beautiful place in which we live and how clean the air should be!

I am thankful we have a composting facility for the city as a service, but corporations that operate facilities like these must be closely monitored. It is extremely important to me and my family that the proposed changes not be enacted and that, if anything, further/additional efforts be made to limit the impact the facility has on children and families in the surrounding area.

Finally, I wanted to mention that last week I met with people who work for Issaquah tourism department, and was told about some of the upcoming efforts to draw more tourism to the area; specifically our hiking trails and world class paragliding. I cringe to imagine what tourists will think when they visit Poo Poo Point only to find that the smell matches the name. Please don't allow it to get worse!

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Dobson







**From:** [Carolina Kamoi](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 12:52:22 PM

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Hello,

My name is Carolina Kamoi Moraes and I reside on 18917 204th Ave SE, Renton, WA 98059 - part of the Mapple Hills Community.

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the Proposed Order of Approval number 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley.

The odor from the landfill is and has been consistently bad ever since I moved here, in 2021. In all honesty it has gotten worse over the years and it has been particularly bad in the past few months. So I must voice my concern with the proposed order, as it would leave the landfill unaccountable for what they are doing over there.

Thank you for your time.

Carolina

**From:** [Charles Nevi](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Permit 11573<sup>0</sup>  
**Date:** Sunday, January 12, 2025 2:36:03 PM

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Cedar Grove Composting is requesting action via permit 11573 that will increase emissions, and I am strongly opposed to this permit. Cedar Grove Composting should be required to reduce emissions, not increase them.

As you are probably aware, the stench from Cedar Grove is an ongoing problem. They lost a lawsuit in 2016, and there was a minor and temporary reduction in the stench. But recently the stench has become more frequent and stronger.

The stench occurs frequently, at least three to four times per week. I never open windows in my home. If the stench occurs, the house fills with the stench and is temporarily unlivable.

If I could bottle the stench and open the bottle at your meeting, you would likely adjourn the meeting until the stench cleared. And rightly so. An odor is comprised of organic compounds, and you would be inhaling these particles into your lungs.

Odors can be controlled. Cedar Grove Composting should be required to reduce or eliminate the odor, not increase it. But Cedar Grove seems to have considerable political influence, and so far only a lawsuit seems to have had any effect on them.

**From:** [Steve S.](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 9:41:42 PM

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Any change in methods by Cedar Grove Maple Valley's facility that has even a chance of increasing noxious odors or harmful contents into the environment must not be approved. The smells in neighboring areas is already way beyond tolerable, and has been getting worse over time. I can't even go outside often times, in my own backyard, because the smell is overwhelming. It's so bad at times, that the smells seep into my house, with all windows and doors shut. I can't even enjoy being inside in my own home during these events. Property values have also been affected, and will continue to get worse if changes are allowed to methods that can harm not only our community's enjoyment of life, but their health and the environment.

The facility has already heard complaints time after time after time, and yet has made no improvements yet. Things only continue to get worse.

Until major improvements have been made to odors and environmental contamination, no allowances for methods that could even possibly make things worse can be approved. Please. It's already unacceptable as it is and affects our community physically and emotionally.

-Steve Spang  
Maple Hills Community Homeowner

**From:** [Greg Evans](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 10:28:38 AM

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I find it hard to believe that there may be leniency granted to cedar grove that will likely increase odors. There have been two lawsuits since I have lived in the area pertaining to the odors and in both cases found in favor of the plaintiffs. If this happens again due to these changes there will undoubtedly be another lawsuit. Please don't approve changes that will increase the existing problem. In fact you should be considering more stringent requirements that will eliminate these odors. Thx

## **Greg Evans**

[Director Native American Markets](#)

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**From:** [Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Composting  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 1:20:41 PM

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I am writing to encourage Puget Sound Clean Air to continue to monitor Cedar Grove Composting to control the stench from their emissions and disallow any further expansion until they have a method to contain the odor.

I live on Tiger Mountain, several miles away from Cedar Grove Compost and we can smell the stench. It is so strong at times that we do not spend time outside.

My kids had attended Maple Hills Elementary School when young and the stench from Cedar Grove Compost was so strong it would make you gag. I don't think the kids could go outside at recess. Hopefully, it has improved since then but, the continued odor is very unpleasant.

I believe that Cedar Grove Compost should install equipment to fully contain the odor or move to a large unpopulated area. I would think the stench impacts property values, especially those closest to their site.

Thank you for considering my comments.  
Catherine Kanda  
425-941-1701

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Anne Newcomb](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Johnie Sherwin ICE](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment No. 11573 – Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 2:54:09 PM

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January 27, 2025

Puget Sound Clear Air  
1904 Third Avenue, Unit 105  
Seattle, WA 98101

ATTN: Ms. Madeline McFerran, Engineering Manager

**RE: Proposed Order of Approval for Public Comment No. 11573 – Cedar Grove Maple Valley**

Dear Ms. McFarren,

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of our public comment on Puget Sound Clean Air's proposed action to issue a Determination of Non-significance for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility.

Those of us in the communities surrounding Cedar Grove's Maple Valley facility think this is a very significant and highly sensitive subject. We are very concerned with Cedar Grove's request to change their method of operation which will result in an increase in air pollution as well as decreasing air pollution monitoring. In the past we were heavily affected by particulates that came with a very foul odor. We experienced head aches, dizziness and nausea on numerous days indoors if we had our windows open or if we spent time outside. Because of this we had to come inside and close our windows if the smell was in the air. Our neighbors have had similar negative experiences as well. Now that we are spending more time at home, air pollution from Cedar Grove Composting creates an even bigger health issue for us!

As stated in your public notice Posted on: December 18, 2024 "the estimated potential emission increase associated with the change in method of operation of the tipping building is 8.4 tons/year volatile organic compounds (VOC) and 0.7 tons/year ammonia." This is extremely concerning! As our clean air agency we expect you to protect us from this pollution by rejecting the request.

Washington state statute states that offensive odors are not to travel beyond a property owner's property line. We live about two miles away from Cedar Grove Composting as the crow flies and there are hundreds of other homes in the area that

have experienced the smell as well. Cedar Grove Composting air pollution negatively affects our health, well-being, and property value.

While we are personally big proponents of compost, Cedar Grove Composting has demonstrated they need regulations and monitoring. The monitoring and operations that are currently in effect are working better than in the past (although I did smell Cedar Grove Composting today when I went outside around noon) and need to remain in effect. If any changes are made it should be to further improve air quality!

Thank you for the important work you do to keep our air clean and safe to breathe.

Sincerely,

Anne Newcomb and John Sherwin  
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**From:** [Bobby S](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Date:** Friday, January 10, 2025 6:30:09 PM

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Can we please not pump ammonia into the air we breathe? I've got kids that are sensitive.



**From:** [Deb Fay](#)  
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**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 8:50:24 PM

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Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

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**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 1:27:38 PM

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Reviewers: I am a long-time resident/property owner in the Woodridge neighborhood. I have lived in Bellevue for almost my entire life. As you know Woodridge is the neighborhood located east of the existing Cedar Groove Composting facility located on Kamber Road, Bellevue. I am strongly opposed to any future development or increase in size or use of the existing Cedar Groove Compost facility due to the noxious odors from the existing facility. I am not familiar with the metric measurements that are currently released into the local air or the significance of the anticipated increase. Yet, I will say the current emissions are too much, too odiferous, too noxious. I do not know how many more days I will have the nauseating odors or how much stronger they will be. The odors effect my ability to enjoy my property and make me physically nauseous when the emissions waft and settle in my neighborhood. When present, I cannot and do not enjoy walking my dog in my own yard, doing yardwork or merely relaxing on my deck when the composting odors fill the air. The air stinks and makes me sick to my stomach. Summer-time is the worst time, when air motion is stagnant. I am strongly complaining about the Cedar Grove Composting facility that has been placed so close to many neighborhoods, not just mine. It is an offensive addition to the community. I cannot understand any logical reason to have located that business in the center of the Richards Road/Factoria community, other than an income opportunity for a select few who probably don't live in this area.

As it exists, I imagine the prevailing winds take the odors to Factoria Mall and T-Mobile for their enjoyment also. Please do NOT increase the Cedar Grove Compost facility. Please allow me, my neighbors and the existing businesses, schools, parks, and assisted living communities in the Factoria/ Richards Road area to have the clean air we all should have. Do NOT take our enjoyment of our property away!!

Please consider my concerns seriously, Linda Karl

**From:** [Jeff Nicholson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Compost  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 5:18:13 AM

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Sent from my iPhone we already experience the foul air odor from the facility close by. Find another place to do the compost processing! The foul smell affects our property values! Enough! Already vote no!

**From:** [Rachel Swanson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:11:40 PM

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**From:** [Mike Ferguson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval 11573 – Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 11:05:32 PM

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Dear Ms. McFerran,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes in **Notice of Construction (NOC) Application 11573** for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility, specifically the modification allowing the second bay door of the tipping building to be opened during operation.

As a resident of Issaquah, located approximately **five miles from Cedar Grove Composting**, I am sensitive to odors and have personally experienced air quality issues that I believe are associated with emissions from the facility. **Opening the second bay door could further increase the release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and ammonia**, exacerbating odor issues and potentially impacting air quality in surrounding communities.

While I appreciate the Agency's review of **Best Available Control Technology (BACT)**, I am concerned that the approved mitigation measures—such as covering feedstock piles with biofilter media—may not be sufficient to prevent odor and emissions from traveling beyond the facility. Additionally, the rejection of the proposed **odor neutralizing spray curtain** raises questions about the effectiveness of current odor control strategies.

I respectfully urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to reconsider approving the **opening of the second bay door** or to impose stricter conditions to ensure that odor and air pollution do not increase as a result of this operational change.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mike

**From:** [Michael Kauffman](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Saturday, January 4, 2025 1:41:45 PM

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The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

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The proposed changes have the potential to degrade air quality significantly in the surrounding area. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a public health crisis waiting to happen. Families should not have to choose between the safety of their homes and the air they breathe.

### Request for Action

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- Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.
- Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.
- Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate

matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Pam Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar grove proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 8:38:56 AM

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I am a very senior citizen who has lived near the dump since 1976. The reason I know I'm near your dump is because of its odor. When we moved here we were told the dump was set to close in 1982. Well, it seems it's only growing bigger and bigger

From what I can gather you now want to increase the dump again and at the same time decrease the amount of maintenance and upkeep. Less maintenance is totally not acceptable. It doesn't even make sense

Pam Nielsen

**From:** [Betty Teel](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 9:32:07 AM

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January 5, 2025

Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley

Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing as a concerned community member (and resident of the Maple Hills neighborhood for more than 40 years) to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

#### Proximity to Communities

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

#### Health Hazards

##### 1. Respiratory and Cardiovascular Risks:

- VOCs and ammonia are known respiratory irritants, exacerbating asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other lung diseases.
- PM2.5 particles are small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, increasing risks of heart attacks, strokes, and lung damage.

##### 2. Cancer Risk from VOCs:

- Prolonged exposure to VOCs, some of which are classified as carcinogens, significantly increases the likelihood of developing cancer.

##### 3. Impact on Vulnerable Populations:

- Children, whose lungs are still developing, are particularly susceptible to air pollution.
- The elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions face heightened risks of severe outcomes.

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#### Reduced Monitoring and Oversight

The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is

concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

#### Cumulative Impact on the Community

The proposed changes have the potential to degrade air quality significantly in the surrounding area. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a public health crisis waiting to happen. Families should not have to choose between the safety of their homes and the air they breathe.

#### Request for Action

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- Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.
- Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

Sincerely,

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Sent from [Outlook](#)

**From:** [Lisa Fleck](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 9:19:58 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Lisa Fleck, and I am a homeowner in the Mirrormont neighborhood. The recent proposed order from Cedar Grove (No. 11573) is one I care deeply about, as a nearby resident that is adversely impacted by the odors and emissions from this company.

These odors already prevent us from regularly walking the neighborhood, enjoying our backyard, and breathing fresh air in our own home. I can't imagine the emissions getting worse, and I strongly oppose this order getting approved. We cannot make the air in this area more odorous and more unhealthy for the people living here!

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Lisa Fleck

**From:** [Alyssa Kawamoto](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 12:41:12 PM

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Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am a parent, a teacher, and a community member that will be impacted by the proposed order of Cedar Grove. I'm highly concerned for the well-being of my family, my students, and beloved community who will be breathing the unhealthy air from Cedar Grove. Please hear our concerns and make the right choice!

I oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

Here are some of my utmost concerns.

Children, whose lungs are still developing, are particularly susceptible to air pollution. The elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions face heightened risks of severe outcomes.

The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

Maintaining or increasing the frequency of third-party evaluations.

Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.

Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.

Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

We already struggle with the horrible smells from this facility, but our health concerns far outweigh that! Please have compassion on our community and protect our quality of life.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Kawamoto

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**From:** [BONNIE O'BRIAN](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:51:46 PM

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**Dear Ms. McFerran and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,**

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

**I hope you have the good fortune to live far, far away from this facility. I moved to this rural area for the beautiful trees and the fresh air. The nauseating odors that this place emits on a regular basis were not disclosed to me before I bought my house or I would NOT have purchased it. Imagine having guests over for dinner on your deck and having the "fresh air" smell like rancid vomit. Actually, that would be an improvement on what it actually smells like. It's unconscionable that they are now planning to make it even worse.**

In addition to the disgusting odors, these proposed changes have the potential to degrade air quality significantly in the surrounding area. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a public health crisis waiting to happen. **Families should not have to choose between the safety of their homes and the air they breathe.** The health hazards are numerous. They include respiratory and cardiovascular risks, cancer risk from VOCs, negative impact on children and the elderly, and the very real mental health impact of the odors mentioned above.

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

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- Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.
- Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.
- Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

You have the power to prevent this nightmare from happening. Please take our concerns seriously and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Nickie Travis](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar grove problem  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 12:45:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [Subject.docx](#)

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Please don't allow cedar grove to get any larger. We suffer from the stench whenever the breeze blows our way. I have lived in Maple Hills for 50 plus years. We have been promised from when it was first put in place that it wouldn't get any bigger... and it has expanded more and more. ENOUGH! Please read my letter attached below.

Nickie Travis

**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573

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I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

### **Proximity to Communities**

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

### **Health Hazards**

#### **1. Respiratory and Cardiovascular Risks:**

- VOCs and ammonia are known respiratory irritants, exacerbating asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other lung diseases.
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The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

**Sincerely,**

Nickie Travis

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**From:** [B.F](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Regan.Dunn@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Regan.Dunn@kingcounty.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed Permit 11573 and Associated Determination of Nonsignificance  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 4:14:54 PM

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Madeline McFerran, Engineer  
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

It is the opinion of this household that any change in operation, reporting requirements, or adjustments to agreements in settled lawsuits should only be approved by PSCCA, or any other public agency, when and if that change and the impact of Cedar Grove operations **decreases the operational impact on the community.**

It is concerning that Cedar Grove is requesting to decrease not only frequency of inspections but is also requesting an increase in the time required for delivery of any reports. This would potentially lead to greater distance from any incidences of violations or inadequacies reported, to actions required to correct those issues.

The impact in that span of time creates nuisances and burdens to the surrounding community primarily, but not only, in the form of odors that affect health, quality of life and the enjoyment of our homes and outdoor areas.

It is also of concern that this notice was published to the public during the busy holiday months, and begs the question as to why those households most affected ie. Maple Hills, East Renton Highlands, May Valley and South Issaquah, were not adequately notified.

Having Cedar Grove Composting as a neighbor has had a significant impact on our neighborhoods. The burden has always fallen to the residents to complain about noise and odor with little acknowledgement of those complaints.

Cedar Grove has not historically proven to be a good neighbor. Any decisions regarding changes in operations or oversight of this business and facility should always put the effect of the community first. There is no cost to the business that should be considered too high if the community is negatively impacted.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Jon Fotheringill  
13429 209th Ave SE  
Issaquah, WA 98027

**From:** [Phil Kirsch](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 12:21:01 PM

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**Dear Ms. McFerran and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,**

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. I am concerned, both as a long-time resident of Maple Hills, the grandparent of current residents, and a current resident of a nearby community which could also be impacted. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [John O'Day](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove composting  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:12:48 PM

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I'm a resident of Maple Hills, and I have had to put up with cedar Grove composting for a Long time, and I oppose their proposal to upgrade their operations, that will increase their odor emissions. I want to go on record of my opposing their expanding their operation.

John ODay

[john.oday1@gmail.com](mailto:john.oday1@gmail.com)

**From:** [Tonglen Healing Arts For Animals](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval for Public Comment - Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 1:15:36 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that there is a proposal by Cedar Grove Compost to reduce air quality monitoring for their facility on Cedar Grovd Road. I live on NE 132nd Way, just off the Issaquah-Hobart Road by the May Valley intersection. Even at the current level of air quality monitoring I can smell the stench from Cedar Grove Compost on Cedar Grove Road from here. There are times I am unable to go outside because the air quality and smell are so bad they make me nauseous. At those times, I have to limit the amount of time my dogs go out into the yard as well because if they are out for even five minutes they begin coughing.

If this is the best Cedar Grove can do with the current level of monitoring, it would be insane to decrease the monitoring as they will have even less incentive to implement practices to keep the smell and air pollution down to a healthy level. Please do not approve such a foolish action.

Polly Klein  
425-405-5661

**From:** [Serge Ovchinnikov](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:41:34 AM

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Dear Madeline,

As a concerned resident of a nearby neighborhood to Cedar Hills, I write to urge reconsideration of Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove's operations. After reviewing the 2023 Odor Complaint Fact Sheet and the agency's strategic priorities, I believe this proposal conflicts with two core mandates:

- 1. Community, Equity & Access:** Odor complaints have surged from 46 to 123 in one year – a 167% increase. This disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations near the facility.
- 2. Climate Change Mitigation:** The proposal would increase VOC and ammonia emissions, directly countering regional climate goals.

Three critical issues demand attention:

- Lack of emission reduction plans: No measurable targets to align with Washington's 2030 climate commitments
- Environmental justice concerns: 68% of complaints originate within 1 mile of the facility, highlighting localized harm
- Regressive precedent: Approving increased emissions undermines the agency's authority to enforce air quality standards

I respectfully request that you consider:

Rejecting provisions allowing increased emissions in Order No. 11573  
Requiring Cedar Grove to submit a binding 5-year emission reduction plan  
Establishing real-time air quality monitoring with public dashboards

Regards,  
Serge



**From:** [Lynne Valenta](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Smell from Cedar Grove Maple Valley Landfill  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 2:11:24 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

The smell from the landfill near my house has gotten worse with every year that we have lived here. The proposed action to expand this landfill and allow more emissions should be banned.

I have a work history of working with pigs on pig farms, and sometimes the smell outside my house is worse than those working conditions. I cannot open my windows in the summer morning because the smell is so bad. This is driving down the price of my home and neighborhood. As a mother I am also concerned about what more fumes will do to not only my health but the health of my child.

Do NOT let the proposed action to expand the Cedar Grove Maple Valley Landfill. If it does go through I will be contacting an environmental lawyer and launch a full investigation on the emissions and practices of that landfill.

If you have any further questions about the smell please email me at this email, [lynneabray@gmail.com](mailto:lynneabray@gmail.com) or call my cell phone at 708-710-2272.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynne Valenta, D.V.M.

**From:** [Laura Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Proposed Order number 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 3, 2025 6:05:01 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I cannot state strongly enough how this will negatively impact the local neighborhoods near Cedar Grove. The air quality is already significantly impacted by their actions, and to increase air pollution will only worsen the environment.

Please do NOT approve this request. I beg of you. For the well-being of my children and all the local communities, this is not safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Gilbert.

**From:** [Jonathan Lawrence](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 3:06:11 PM

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Dear Ms. McFerran,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. As a resident of Issaquah on the south side of Squak Mountain, it often seems that our property is the direct recipient of waste processing aromas. I understand that there are many local efforts that can alleviate the quantity of waste or compost that ends up at Cedar Grove, and many complaints often seep with an inferred “Not in my backyard” content; however, the proposed order appears to be lacking scientific, logical, or social considerations that sufficiently address concerns from any front.

As a father of a <2yo son, and avid outdoor enthusiast, I appreciate the immense beauty of our local environment, even as we collectively learn how to balance recreation and industries like logging in nearby wooded areas - yet I have found myself less inclined to share my love of the local outdoors with family or friends when there’s a high probability that our experience will be marinated in nauseating odor. The proposed order does not garner confidence in the facility control measures and monitoring.

I have heard anecdotes about past offenses caused by the Cedar Grove facility that resulted in lawsuits won by local residents, and I am concerned that the proposed order will quickly escalate to increased emissions and lead to future lawsuits that further divide our communities and finances (plus any long-term health impact). To quote an appropriate comment from another local, “the proposal to reduce monitoring requirements while allowing increased emissions is particularly concerning given Cedar Grove's documented history of non-compliance.”

Please deny the proposed order, and work with scientific and industry leaders to implement a more sustainable, community-focused solution to an ever-growing challenge that impacts everyone, whether they have a basic sense of smell or are senselessly inhaling unknown quantities of airborne particulate coming from the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility.

Best,

Jonathan Lawrence

**From:** [Matt Owen](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 4:33:31 PM

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Hello,

My name is Matt Owen. My family and I live at 15417 Cedar grove road SE, Issaquah WA

I do not want any expansion to the cedar grove facility that will cause any more odor or other environmental changes. In fact the rules should be much stricter. Currently the smells are so bad from cedar grove that my kids do want to go outside to play saying it stinks too bad.

Also, I feel like the odor could effect the property value of my and my neighbors and that is just not fair.

We live in such a beautiful community and I would hate to see it get ruined by terribly odor or other negative environmental impacts.

Please do not grant any expansion to the cedar grove facility

Thank-you.

Matt Owen  
Epic Home Systems  
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ehsav.com

**From:** [Kathy Velasco](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Application  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 8:21:45 AM

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No!!! It has negatively impacted property values and quality of life! It needs to be closed, period!!!

The Velasco's  
Maple Valley  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Achim](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Reject Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 2:00:27 PM

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Hello,

I am writing regarding the Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley. I am in opposition to this initiative and asking to not allow Cedar Grove to increase emissions.

We live in the Mirrormont neighborhood in Issaquah and the smell from Cedar Grove already impacts our ability to be outside today. Frequently, it doesn't matter what time of the year since it happens consistently, we are experiencing extrem sour smell that won't allow us to sit on the deck or to go on walks on our property and in the neighborhood. The smells often make us feel nauseous when we are outside.

For example, it is frustrating when you leave the house in the morning and you know it's a day when you won't be able to be or work outside. And it is also frustrating when you invited family and friends and you can't spend quality time outside.

I have been submitting complaints about these emissions from Cedar Grove through PSE Clean Air. These should provide additional public comment.

Please don't make this problem worse as it already is. I request you reject this proposal.

Thank you,

Achim Gnan

**From:** [Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 11:54:16 PM

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Lisa Lercher  
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Renton, WA 98059  
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(425)531-2357  
1-05-2025

Dear Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

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The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

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  - Prolonged exposure to VOCs, some of which are classified as carcinogens, significantly increases the likelihood of developing cancer.
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Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

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The proposed changes have the potential to degrade air quality significantly in the surrounding area. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a public health crisis waiting to happen. Families should not have to choose between the safety of their homes and the air they breathe.

#### Request for Action

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

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- Requiring continuous monitoring of biofilter performance.
- Implementing stronger odor mitigation measures, including more effective odor controls for the second bay door.
- Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

The health and safety of the surrounding community must take precedence over operational convenience for the facility. I respectfully request that the Agency reconsider this proposal and act in the best interests of public health.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lercher  
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1-05-2025



**From:** [Keaton White](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 7:13:07 PM

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Hello Madeline,

I live a little over a mile north of the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. I am hit with nauseating waves of stench just walking out of my front door probably 2-3 times per week, on average. I often report them via the Odor Nuisance form, though it seems unlikely that we'll ever get lucky enough for the smell to occur and for anyone to also be patrolling nearby at the same time. I will keep trying.

Regardless, I must express my deep opposition to this proposal. The frequency and level of smell has gotten significantly worse since I moved into my home 5 years ago. It is a foregone conclusion that reducing the amount of oversight will only make the situation worse.

Specifically, 1-5 are clearly designed to allow them to skirt their legal responsibilities generally and their moral responsibilities broadly to everyone who has to breathe the air that they contaminate. 6 looks like they broke the rules, got caught, and are now asking for forgiveness rather than permission - what precedent would it set to condone that behavior?

Over the past two weeks alone, I have smelled some truly gut-churning odors driving south along Cedar Grove Rd, including this very evening. I have never experienced that before in the 5 years I have lived here (as I said, it's getting worse), and now I've experienced it 5 times in 2 weeks at all times of day. Under this proposal, I guarantee it will happen more and more frequently, polluting people's homes and properties for miles around.

I am already exposed to their pollutants and odors walking my dogs or working in the garden on a regular basis. I am also on the board for the Four Lakes neighborhood; my neighbors (80+ families, including elderly people and my own infant daughter) are frequently blanketed in disgusting, throat-scratching gases like I am.

There is no world where a company that is operating effectively and honestly both reduces how often they are checked for compliance AND asks for a ludicrous 60 day window to take corrective action. I negotiate multi-million dollar agreements as part of my work; I would never approve, let alone partner with, a company that requested 60 days to take corrective action.

As best I can tell, the final part of proposal is them retroactively asking for permission to do something they were required to ask for permission to do in the first place. It would be grossly and willfully ignorant of their behavior to see this and determine that they can be trusted with LESS oversight.

To conclude, anything that increases their potential emissions, reduces oversight, and makes enforcement and corrective measures more likely to

be skirted (I guarantee they will pick maximally beneficial times of year for themselves for any inspections) will make every person within miles of this facility less healthy and less able to enjoy their property - and to what end? Increased profit margins for a company that couldn't care less that its stench reaches over mountains and deep into Renton?

Approving this proposal would be a travesty of public service and detrimental to health and happiness of the local (and not so local) community. I oppose this proposal.

Thank you,  
Keaton

**From:** [Hailey Good](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 1:57:48 PM

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Dear Ms. McFerran and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency,

I am writing as a concerned community member to oppose the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. The facility's requested changes—specifically the increase in emissions, reduced monitoring requirements, and operational modifications—pose significant health risks to the nearby residential areas and should not be approved without stronger safeguards.

#### Proximity to Communities

The Cedar Grove facility is located near several neighborhoods, where families, children, and elderly residents live in close proximity. This community will bear the immediate impact of the proposed changes, which include increased emissions of harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5). The approval of these changes threatens the health, well-being, and quality of life of hundreds of people who call this area home.

I am personally pregnant and it concerns the future of the health and safety of my current pregnancy and the future of my child.

#### Health Hazards

1. Respiratory and Cardiovascular Risks:
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  - VOCs and ammonia are known respiratory irritants, exacerbating asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other lung diseases.
  - PM2.5 particles are small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, increasing risks of heart attacks, strokes, and lung damage.
3. Cancer Risk from VOCs:
4.
  - Prolonged exposure to VOCs, some of which are classified as carcinogens, significantly increases the likelihood of developing cancer.
5. Impact on Vulnerable Populations:
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  - Children, whose lungs are still developing, are particularly susceptible to air pollution.
  - The elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions face heightened risks of severe outcomes.
7. Odor Concerns and Mental Health:
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  - Persistent odors, exacerbated by the proposed opening of the second bay door, can lead to headaches, nausea, and stress, further reducing the quality of life for residents.

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The facility's request to reduce third-party evaluations from quarterly to semiannual is concerning. Less frequent monitoring increases the likelihood that equipment failures or excessive emissions will go undetected for extended periods, putting the community at risk. Furthermore, the removal of continuous biofilter monitoring undermines accountability and transparency, making it harder to ensure compliance.

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#### Request for Action

I urge the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to deny the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 in its current form. At a minimum, stricter conditions must be imposed, including:

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- Imposing stricter emission limits for VOCs, ammonia, and particulate matter.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Stephanie Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Julian Lewis](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 7:53:41 PM

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For the Attention of Madeline McFerran:

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of our public comment on Puget Sound Clean Air's proposed action to issue a Determination of Non-significance for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility. I would like to highlight my concern of the proposed order & would argue any increase in emissions is indeed significant to local residents.

*The estimated potential emission increase associated with the change in method of operation of the tipping building is 8.4 tons/year volatile organic compounds (VOC) and 0.7 tons/year ammonia. The estimated potential emission increase associated with the replacement grinder is 61 lb/year particulate matter with aerodynamic diameter less than 10 micron (PM<sub>10</sub>), with an estimated subset of 9 lb/yr of that PM<sub>10</sub> comprised of particulate matter with aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 micron (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).*

The above statement is extremely concerning to local residents, especially those living in or using the Maple Hills Community. Both my daughters attended Maple Hills elementary school. We also use the Maple Hills community for Summer swim team. Over the years of using the Maple Hills Community for various reasons, school or pleasure the emissions from Cedar Grove has been offensive & detrimental to health. My daughter joked to me that sometimes, during swim training the kids stay under the water to avoid the smell!

I live 5.2 miles from Cedar Grove landfill by car, but far closer as the crow flies. Dependent on the wind direction we can often smell a very unpleasant smell from the landfill. I understand Washington State law determines a property owners offensive smell is not to travel beyond the property owners lines. If we can smell the landfill from our address, clearly these legal guidelines are not being met. Approving this order will only make matters worse, when in fact there is already a clear need to improve the emissions of Cedar Grove.

I am very pro composting & recycling, but Cedar Grove is already proving they need strong management to ensure it is continually strive to improve emissions. Please block this order, please do not allow Cedar Grove to make our health, quality of living & property values worse.

Kind regards,

Stephanie & Julian Lewis  
13207 230th AVE SE  
Issaquah

WA 98027

**From:** [Ashley Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 - Cedar Grove Maple Valley  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 3:48:30 PM

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Ms. McFerran,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for the Cedar Grove Maple Valley facility and ask that you: (1) deny the proposed reductions in monitoring frequency and requirements; (2) reject operational changes that would increase emissions; and (3) require additional measures to reduce current impacts.

The smell that Cedar Grove permeates throughout Issaquah is horrendous. Even worse would be the decision to approve Cedar Grove operations that jeopardize public health.

Best,

Ashley Wilson

**From:** [Jacquelyn Green](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Jacquelyn Green - Public Comment on Cedar Grove Maple Valley Proposed Order No. 11573  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:54:23 PM

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Hi,

I respectfully ask that PSCAA **REJECT** proposed order No. 11573.

Cedar Grove Compost has a long history of environmental non-compliance dating back decades. Violations include those formally issued by both PSCAA and King County Public Health, as well as multiple class action lawsuits.

PSCAA has a legal and moral obligation to ensure clean air for communities surrounding Cedar Grove Compost as well as Maple Hills Elementary School. PSCCA should require **stricter** oversight of Cedar Grove Compost, with greater environmental protections, to get current operations within the confines of their current operating permit, both air (PSCAA) and water contamination (KC Public Health). PSCCA has received **thousands** of complaints from citizens and the elementary school related to noxious offsite odors from Cedar Grove. If PSCCA approves this proposed order, there are potential legal ramifications for the agency, due to longstanding documented knowledge of non-compliance.

PSCAA must stand for environmental justice for our community and elementary school. Particularly our children, who are a voiceless vulnerable health population, more susceptible to environmental hazards.

Thanks,  
Jacquelyn



**From:** [Erin Griffin](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 Cedar Grove Maple Valley Maple Valley, WA 98038  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 8:58:43 AM

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Those of us who live in the area with Cedar Grove have to live with the odors they produce. We didn't ask for the problems created and we definitely are not asking for more. What we need is for your agency to enforce the laws, not make them more lax. Cedar Grove has proven to not be a good neighbor when it comes to odors. We should not be kept in our homes on warm days due to smells coming from their facility. We also should be allowed to open our windows and enjoy fresh air.

Cedar Grove should go back to not allowing food waste in their collections since they are not taking care of the odors that come from them. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency needs to enforce the laws for Cedar Grove the same as they do for the rest of the area.

These odors were not a problem before food waste was allowed. The laws and restrictions should not be more lax now. I think that if the neighbors are made to smell the odors they create then the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency should have to move their offices to the same area so they can smell the same odors.

People don't want to move to get away from the problems that CG create, just to pass them on to the home owners who were unsuspecting when they purchased their home.

Please don't make the regulations more lax for Cedar Grove. They need to find a way to fix the problems they create instead of having regulations relaxed so they can continue with the bad neighbor policy they have had for years now.

They should either find ways to eliminate the odors, either by covering the food waste with dirt on a daily basis, adding buildings that can contain the odors, find another way to eliminate the smells, or stop accepting the materials that are creating the problems.

Sincerely

Erin Griffin

**From:** [bliebling](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove Permit ; Approval 11573  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 11:58:21 AM

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I strongly oppose the permit for Cedar Grove Compost to change their current procedures and reduce their emissions monitoring. Our community, 4 Lakes , is 1 mile away North of Cedar Grove and have experienced their noxious emissions and odors for at least the last 15 years, mostly in the summer. It is so bad we can't enjoy sitting on our patio during the day. Not to mention the reduced property value we have due to the odors.

They should be required to upgrade their facility to reduce their emissions, like they did in Marysville. The fines they pay are so small that they don't force them to change their processes. These fines should be increased.

Thank you for your attention to my request.  
Bob Liebling

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [sutapa mondal](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar grove composting  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 10:53:27 AM

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Hi,

I m a resident of Maple Glen estate in Issaquah 98027. In the last few weeks, there seem to be a horrible stench outside . I was made aware that this is due to the Cedar grove composting plant . Is this a temporary phase or is this going to remain like this in the future? Is there any health risk associated? Please look into this matter as it will be impossible to spend time outside in the coming months.

Thank you  
Sutapa Praveen  
Praveen Tirumala

13030 230th Ave SE  
Issaquah 98027

**From:** [Jennifer Paulsen](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cedar Grove  
**Date:** Friday, January 31, 2025 9:50:18 AM

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Ken and Jennifer Paulsen  
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Renton, WA 98059  
503-616-8089

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105  
Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Order of Approval No. 11573 for Cedar Grove Maple Valley

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Ken and Jennifer Paulsen

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Case / Type	Site Address	Suspected Source	Complainant	Incident			Received		Evaluation		
				Date	Time	By	Date	Time	Assigned	Last Date	No Action
2024501874-1 Odor	15226 207th Pl SE Renton, WA 98059 KING		Lori Smith 15226 207th Pl SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 890-2234	12/18/2024	2110	ON	12/18/2024	2112	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: cedar hills landfill cedar hills compost Complainant Comments: horrible smell											
2024501894-1 Odor	13429 209th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 King		Barb Fotheringill 13429 209th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (425) 829-6448	12/26/2024	1726	ON	12/26/2024	1731	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cear Hills Landfill - Cedar Grove Composting Complainant Comments: Very sickening sweet odor - can smll in the house. Nauseating - It is almost daily and getting worse. Please contact us with an update on measures to stop this problem. Thank you.											
Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994											

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Case / Type	Site Address	Suspected Source	Complainant
2024501917-1	15739 203rd Ave SE		Jake Rigtrup
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		15739 203rd Ave SE
	King		Renton, WA 98059
			(425) 591-3067

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17825 Cedar Grove Rd  
Maple Valley, WA 98038  
Ron Westmoreland - General Manager  
(206) 450-6182  
[Registered] 25994

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12/31/2024	2137	ON	12/31/2024	2141	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Who do you think? Cedar grove!

Complainant Comments: Abominable stench of Roth smells like sauerkraut rotting in my nostrils. Burns the sinus cavities. Makes me feel like my nostrils are growing elliptical.

2025500001-1	16208 205th Pl SE		Hamy Dinh
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		16208 205th Pl SE
	KING		Renton, WA 98059
			(206) 427-8404

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01/01/2025	2333	ON	01/01/2025	2335	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Responsible Party: Cedar Grove compost

Complainant Comments: Strong odor from the cedar composting area. It makes me nauseous and trigger my daughter asthma

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Case / Type	Site Address	Suspected Source	Complainant
2025500003-1	8929 121st Ave SE		ERMAN AKBAY
Odor	Newcastle, WA 98056		8929 121st Ave SE Newcastle, WA 98056 (425) 802-7404

Incident			Received		Evaluation		
Date	Time	By	Date	Time	Assigned	Last Date	No Action
01/02/2025	1046	ON	01/02/2025	1050	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party:

Complainant Comments: I live next to Windtree park in Newcastle, and despite being 7.5 mile away from the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, we have a pretty strong odor in our neighborhood. This happens anytime there's even slight SE wind.

2025500009-1	15056 205th Ave SE		Yasmin Armstrong
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		15056 205th Ave SE
	King		Renton, WA 98059 (206) 484-4109
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	

01/03/2025	1504	ON	01/03/2025	1505	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Responsible Party: Cedar Grove / the King County Dump

Complainant Comments: Smells like literal poo out there. Why?!, Cedar Grove again.



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2025500011-1 Odor	15715 206th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 King	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Alyssa Charles 15715 206th Ave se Renton, WA 98059-9039 (425) 419-8452	01/03/2025	2117	ON	01/03/2025	2119	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Responsible Party: Cedar Grove landfill							
				Complainant Comments: Smells like toxic gas							
2025500012-1 Odor	20628 SE 162nd Way Renton, WA 98059 King	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Michaela 20628 Se 162nd way Renton, WA 98059 (206) 200-4315	01/03/2025	2119	ON	01/03/2025	2121	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost							
				Complainant Comments: Foul smelling air throughout neighborhood							

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<u>Case / Type</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>Suspected Source</u>	<u>Complainant</u>
2025500013-1	15226 207th Pl SE		Lori Smith
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		15226 207th Pl SE
	KING		Renton, WA 98059
			(425) 890-2234

<u>Incident</u>			<u>Received</u>		<u>Evaluation</u>		
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01/04/2025	0855	ON	01/04/2025	0858	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: cedar hills landfill cedar hills compost							
Complainant Comments: horrible smell yesterday and today, please protect this community, so far nothing is being done, we live in this stench everyday.							

2025500015-1	1040 Redmond Ave NE		Marilyn Petersen
Odor	Renton, WA 98056		1040 Redmond Ave NE
	KING		Renton, WA 98056
			(425) 228-2023

01/03/2025	1630	ON	01/04/2025	1505	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove							
Complainant Comments: Sickening rotting garbage smell. This is an ongoing problem, especially during the summer when windows and doors are open.							

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2025500017-1 Odor	12924 205th Ct SE Issaquah, WA 98027	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Chris Howie 12924 205th Ct SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (972) 800-4639

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01/04/2025	1959	ON	01/04/2025	2002	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Mill

Complainant Comments: Terrible smell in the air miles away from Cedar Grove Compost, hundreds of feet up the Mountain

2025500023-1 Visible Emission	16311 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 KING	RICHARD REININGER 16311 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 402-7650
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01/06/2025	1357	ON	01/06/2025	1359	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost.							
Complainant Comments: Distinctive Cedar Grove Compost odor drifting across the Issaquah Creek Valley.							

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2025500035-1 Odor	15562 207th Pl SE Renton, WA 98059 KING	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Laura Gilbert 15562 207th Pl SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 436-0847

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01/07/2025	1559	ON	01/07/2025	1601	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove							
Complainant Comments: Strong, sweet, acrid smell of decomposing material. Seeping into my house as well							

2025500036-1 Odor	15739 203rd Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 King	Jake Rigtrup 15739 203rd Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 491-3067
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01/07/2025	2051	ON	01/07/2025	2054	CAF	01/08/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party:							
Complainant Comments: Smells bad. Stings my inner nostrils. Our guest had to leave early because of the foul odors. Very disappointing that our neighborhood has this problem.							

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2025500046-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/09/2025	1610	ON	01/09/2025	1613	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost, King County, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
				Complainant Comments: The air is toxic with Cedar Grove Compost toxic sludge. I guess this is going to be an everyday event now that CGC gets to poison everyone all the time. Thanks for making us sick 24/7. WA politics = profits over people.							
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994									
2025500047-1	14826 200th Avenue SE		Eric	01/09/2025	1626	ON	01/09/2025	1629	CAF	02/09/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		14826 200th Avenue SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 736-4939	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Composting							
				Complainant Comments: Rotting Food Odor from Cedar Grove Composting. Same as usual, they are stinking up the neighborhood and making people sick.							
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994									

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2025500048-1	14509 Cedar Grove SE E-202		Lisa M. Ursino	01/09/2025	1656	ON	01/09/2025	1657	CAF	02/09/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		14509 Cedar Grove SE E-202 Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 406-0626  Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Landfill			Complainant Comments: RE: Cedar Grove Landfill				
2025500049-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/09/2025	1736	ON	01/09/2025	1741	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490  Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost, King County, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!			Complainant Comments: The air is toxic. I have a headache, my nose is itchy & irritated & it all started with Cedar Grove Compost toxic emissions. Anaerobic composting DOES produce methane & we are being poisoned by this methane right now. It's time for a lawsuit.				

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2025500055-1 Odor	14826 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 King		Lynne Valenta 14826 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98058 (708) 710-2272

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01/12/2025	0902	ON	01/12/2025	0904	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove

Complainant Comments: It smells like garbage is being burned outside. I can't open the windows or doors to my house.

2025500061-1 Odor	16206 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 KING		Meghan Moraine 16206 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 910-3988
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01/13/2025	1415	ON	01/13/2025	1417	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Responsible Party: Cedar Grove

Complainant Comments: It smells like rotting trash in our area. It happens quite often but I've just learned how to report.

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2025500062-1 Odor	15226 207th Pl SE Renton, WA 98059		Lori Smith 15226 207th Pl SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 890-2234	01/13/2025	1447	ON	01/13/2025	1448	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Responsible Party: cedar hills landfill cedar hills compost							
				Complainant Comments: horrible smell please protect this community, so far nothing is being done, we live in this stench everyday.							
2025500063-1 Odor	22022 SE Bain Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 KING		Jay Prince 22022 SE Bain Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 (206) 979-5682  Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	01/13/2025	1300	ON	01/13/2025	1728	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Landfill							
				Complainant Comments: Noxious odor in the air							





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2025500071-1	22022 SE Bain Rd		Jay Prince
Odor	Maple Valley, WA 98038		22022 SE Bain Rd
	KING		Maple Valley, WA 98038
			(206) 979-5682
		Cedar Grove Compost Co	
		17825 Cedar Grove Rd	
		Maple Valley, WA 98038	
		Ron Westmoreland - General Manager	
		(206) 450-6182	
		[Registered] 25994	

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01/14/2025	2225	ON	01/14/2025	2226	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Landfill

Complainant Comments: Exceedingly noxious odor!!!!

2025500073-1	15226 207th Pl SE	Lori Smith
Odor	Renton, WA 98059	15226 207th Pl SE
	KING	Renton, WA 98059
		(425) 890-2234

01/15/2025	0810	ON	01/15/2025	0811	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: cedar hills landfill cedar hills compost							
Complainant Comments: horrible l							

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2025500077-1 Odor	13429 209th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 King		Barb Fotheringill aboce Issaquah, WA 98027 (425) 829-6448

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01/15/2025	1101	ON	01/15/2025	1105	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove COMpost

Complainant Comments: Horrific odor coming into house.  
Causes nasal discomfort and headache.  
Has been increasing in frequency over past few months and is happening daily now.

2025500078-1 Odor	17825 Cedar Grove Rd SE Maple Valley, WA 98038 KING		Steven Hoffman 15445 256th ave s.e. Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 427-0566
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01/15/2025	1257	ON	01/15/2025	1259	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar grove compost							
Complainant Comments: Bad odor							

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2025500079-1 Odor	16206 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 KING	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Meghan Moraine 16206 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 910-3988
2025500080-1 Odor	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948	JENNIFER RAY 25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027- 6948 (206) 434-6490  Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	

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01/15/2025	1347	ON	01/15/2025	1349	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove							
Complainant Comments: Now that I know how to report you'll be hearing a lot from me as our area stinks often. It smells of rotting trash currently.							

01/15/2025	1425	ON	01/15/2025	1430	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
Complainant Comments: The air is AGAIN full of toxic methane sludge from Cedar Grove Compost anaerobic composting. Destroying health & lives 1 toxic day at a time.							

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2025500081-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/15/2025	1732	ON	01/15/2025	1734	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: Massive migraine headache ALL DAY due to the toxic Cedar Grove Compost emissions seeping into my home. There's NO WAY to get away from the toxic air. I've collected multiple reports of health conditions as a result of the toxic methane filled air.							
2025500082-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/15/2025	1734	ON	01/15/2025	1742	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: The air outside is TOXIC. It creates health conditions. I can barely see through a migraine & my nose is infected. This is a DIRECT result of the toxic air & what occurs every time CGC fills the air with toxic levels of methane.							



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2025500083-1	14826 200th Avenue SE		Eric Hudson	01/15/2025	1815	ON	01/15/2025	1821	CAF	02/15/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		14826 200th Avenue SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 736-4939	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOSTING							
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994		Complainant Comments: CEDAR GROVE, SAME OLD NAUSEA-INDUCING, SICKENING ROTTING FOOD ODOR, SAME AS ALWAYS. IT IS HAPPENING EVERY DAY LATELY. DOES ANYONE LOOK AT THESE COMPLAINTS?							
2025500084-1	15503 cedar grove rd se		Gina Park	01/15/2025	2308	ON	01/15/2025	2310	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		15503 cedar grove rd se Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 856-6049	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost							
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994		Complainant Comments: There is a strong garbage/ compost smell							

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2025500085-1	15503 Cedar Grove Rd SE		Ed Park	01/16/2025	0544	ON	01/16/2025	0553	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		15503 Cedar Grove Rd SE	Responsible Party: Cedar Hills Landfill and Cedar Grove acomposting							
	KING		Issaquah, WA 98027	Complainant Comments: Foul smell of garbage and rotting in the air constantly.							
			(206) 853-9503	This has been ongoing constantly where we have to stay indoors with windows and doors closed. Smell still creeps into the house and garage.							
				Headaches and other negative symptoms							
		Cedar Grove Compost Co									
		17825 Cedar Grove Rd									
		Maple Valley, WA 98038									
		Ron Westmoreland - General Manager									
		(206) 450-6182									
		[Registered] 25994									
2025500089-1	15644 204th Ave SE		Albertina Kaiser	01/16/2025	0833	ON	01/16/2025	0835	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		15644 204th Ave SE	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove							
	King		Renton, WA 98059	Complainant Comments: 2 staff members complained of a very strong unpleasant odor outside							
			(425) 837-5102								
		Cedar Grove Compost Co									
		17825 Cedar Grove Rd									
		Maple Valley, WA 98038									
		Ron Westmoreland - General Manager									
		(206) 450-6182									
		[Registered] 25994									

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2025500112-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/21/2025	1114	ON	01/21/2025	1118	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: NOT A NUISANCE, IT'S POISON AIR. WE CAN'T RUN OUR DRYER W/OUT POISON AIR LEAKING INTO OUR HOME. LAWSUITS AGAINST CGC, KC & PSCAA ARE NECESSARY.							
2025500113-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/21/2025	1118	ON	01/21/2025	1120	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: THE AIR IS PUTRID & FULL OF TOXIC GAS COURTESY OF CEDAR GTOVE COMPOST. WE'RE SICK! AGAIN! NO REASON TO NOT TICKET! AIR SHOULD NOT BE THIS TOXIC.							

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2025500114-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/21/2025	1126	ON	01/21/2025	1129	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: I have a mask on INSIDE MY HOME to try to prevent a bloody nose & massive migraine from the toxic Cedar Grove Compost emissions. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!							
2025500115-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/21/2025	1150	ON	01/21/2025	1154	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: WE CAN'T BREATHE IN OUR HOME RIGHT NOW W/OUT GETTING SICK FROM THE CEDAR GROVE COMPOST TOXIC AIR. NO WAY THIS IS LEGAL! I NEED A GAS MASK IN MY HOME! MIRGRAINE HEADACHE, BLOODY NOSE, WE ARE BEING POISONED & YOU'RE DOING NOTHING!							



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2025500116-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/21/2025	1223	ON	01/21/2025	1226	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
				Complainant Comments: EVERY FAN IS OFF. EVERY VENT IS CLOSED. MY HEAT IS OFF. MY MASK IS ON. I'M IN MY HOME. MY NOSE IS BLEEDING. I'M GOING TO VOMIT FROM THE MIGRAINE. THIS AIR IS TOXIC POISON. WE CAN'T BREATHE!!!! WHY WON'T YOU DO SOMETHING?!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994								
2025500118-1	16206 252nd Ave SE		Meghan Moraine	01/21/2025	1430	ON	01/21/2025	1431	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		16206 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 910-3988	Responsible Party: Cedar grove							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: Smells like rotting trash							

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2025500125-1 Odor	20505 SE 159th St Renton, WA 98059 KING		Lynette K Hall 20505 SE 159TH ST Renton, WA 98059 (425) 985-4604
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	

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01/22/2025	0939	ON	01/22/2025	0941	CAF	02/22/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost							
Complainant Comments: A family member stepped outside. The bad air triggered a violent coughing spell.							

2025500132-1 Odor	15644 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 King	Albertina Kaiser 15644 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 837-5102
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994

01/23/2025	0929	ON	01/23/2025	0931	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove							
Complainant Comments: parent volunteer came into the office complaining of the smell outside, stating it was really strong today,							

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2025500138-1	16650 246th Pl SE		Anne Newcomb
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		16650 246th Pl SE
			Issaquah, WA 98027
			(425) 466-5266

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01/23/2025	1218	ON	01/23/2025	1623	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party:

Complainant Comments: I went outside on my deck and noticed a strong odor coming from Cedar Grove composting. This is something I have been ill from in past years, but not lately.

2025500146-1	21003 SE 155th Pl		Janet Dobrowolski
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		21003 SE 155th Pl
	KING		Renton, WA 98059
			(425) 226-3914

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01/24/2025	2049	ON	01/24/2025	2052	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compost

Complainant Comments: Very strong compost odor. So strong, it's coming into our house. I'd say it's a Level 4. I definitely don't want to be outside.

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2025500154-1 Odor	14856 205th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 KING	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Elizabeth Morris 14856 205th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 (518) 429-3655

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01/26/2025	0900	ON	01/26/2025	1024	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Composting							
Complainant Comments: Odor in the air causing health issues for family members.							

2025500155-1 Odor	24850 SE Mirrormont Dr Issaquah, WA 98027 KING	Sandra Smith 24850 SE Mirrormont Dr Issaquah, WA 98027 (425) 392-8922
	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	

01/24/2025	0900	ON	01/26/2025	1243	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Composting							
Complainant Comments: Horrible foul odor outside. Happening several times in a week.							

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2025500156-1	266th Ave SE		Morgan H.
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		266th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (253) 508-3531
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	

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01/09/2025	1800	ON	01/26/2025	1349	CAF	02/26/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Maple Valley							
Complainant Comments: The air smells sour from Cedar Grove Maple Valley. The smell is pungent. This occurs too often.							

2025500162-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE	JENNIFER RAY
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490
		Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994

01/27/2025	1217	ON	01/27/2025	1220	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
Complainant Comments: WHY WON'T YOU DO SOMETHING. CEDAR GROVE COMPOST IS POISONING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WHILE YOU DO NOTHING! IT'S NOT A STINK, IT'S POISON AIR CAUSING HEALTH ISSUES!							

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2025500163-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/27/2025	1222	ON	01/27/2025	1226	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
				Complainant Comments: THS CANNOT CONTINUE. MY HEART IS RACING, I HAVE A MIGRAINE HEADACHE. NOW EVERY SINGLE DAY. THIS AIR IS TOXIC. IT IS NOT A STINK, IT IS TOXIC. WE ARE LOSING OUR ENTIRE LIVES. LOSING OUR HEALTH. LOSING OUR LIFE SAVINGS. WE ARE BEING POISONED TO DEATH!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994								
2025500167-1	15644 204th Ave SE		Albertina Kaiser	01/28/2025	0838	ON	01/28/2025	0839	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Renton, WA 98059 King		15644 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 837-5102	Responsible Party: Cedar Grove							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Complainant Comments: staff member walked in complaining of the odor							



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2025500171-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	

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01/28/2025	1230	ON	01/28/2025	1232	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!

Complainant Comments: MORE POISON AIR FROM CEDAR GROVE COMPOST. I NOW GET A MIGRAINE BEFORE I EVEN SMELL IT. THIS IS NOT A STINK, IT'S TOXIC POISON AIR. I HAVE A MIGRAINE. AGAIN. JUST LIKE YESTERDAY. I'M VOMITING AGAIN. I'M SICK AGAIN. THE AIR IS TOXIC.



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2025500176-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	
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01/28/2025	1249	ON	01/28/2025	1251	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!

Complainant Comments: I HAVE A MIGRAINE HEADACHE, MY JAW IS STIFF, MY NECK IS STIFF, I HAVE A MASK ON INSIDE MY HOME BECAUSE OF THE TOXIC CEDAR GROVE COMPOST EMISSIONS SEEPING THROUGH THE VENTS IN MY HOME. I'M EXPLAINING TO MY EMPLOYER WHY I CAN'T WORK.



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				Date	Time	By	Date	Time	Assigned	Last Date	No Action
2025500177-1	25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE		JENNIFER RAY	01/28/2025	1251	ON	01/28/2025	1253	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948		25009 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-6948 (206) 434-6490	Responsible Party: CEDAR GROVE COMPOST, KING COUNTY, PSCAA AS ALWAYS!							
				Complainant Comments: WE CAN'T BREATHE! WE ARE SICK! WE NEED HELP! WE ARE BEING POISONED BY TOXIC AIR EVERY SINGLE DAY WHILE THE "CLEAN AIR AGENCY" IGNORES OUR REPEATED AND CONSISTENT COMPLAINTS. NOW YOU'RE GIVING THEM MORE PERMITS TO KILL PEOPLE! WTF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994								
2025500178-1	16650 246th Pl SE		Anne Newcomb	01/28/2025	1304	ON	01/28/2025	1307	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027 King		16650 246th Pl SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (425) 466-5266	Responsible Party:							
				Complainant Comments: Foul order in the air. Most likely from Cedar Grove compost facility.							
			Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994								



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2025500179-1 Odor	16206 252nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 King	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Meghan Moraine 16206 252nd AVE SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (206) 910-3988

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01/28/2025	1406	ON	01/28/2025	1407	CAF	01/29/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove

Complainant Comments: Smells awful outside of rotting garbage

2025500213-1 Odor	15644 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 King	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Albertina Kaiser 15644 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 837-5102
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Responsible Party: Cedar Grove

Complainant Comments: multiple staff members have complained of the very strong foul odors outside the school

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2025500216-1	23612 SE 165th St		Sue Liebling
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		23612 SE 165Th ST
	King		Issaquah, WA 98027
			(425) 677-8236

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01/29/2025	0903	ON	01/30/2025	1109	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove composting most likely. KC dump

Complainant Comments: Horrible smell most of the day. Gag worthy when outside. Bad even into the night.  
Smells have been bad for a week. Used to be only this bad in summer, now it's year round

2025500217-1	14602 209th Ave se		Katie wiseman
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		14602 209th Ave se
			Renton, WA 98059
			(971) 255-2800

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01/30/2025	0900	ON	01/30/2025	1201	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Responsible Party: Cedar grove

Complainant Comments: It smelled like going to the transfer station on a hot day but way more pungent. I was outside for less then a half house and had a headache and stomach ache for a hour after. I do not get headaches.

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2025500218-1 Odor	21111 SE 155th Pl Renton, WA 98059 King		Robin Richards 21111 SE 155th Place Renton, WA 98059 (425) 765-7453	01/30/2025	1209	ON	01/30/2025	1211	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Complainant Comments: Horrible putrid smell											
2025500219-1 Odor	125 W Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027		Kasia Grzebyk 12903 229th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (908) 240-0414	01/29/2025	1630	ON	01/30/2025	1237	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Complainant Comments: Foul odor from Cedar Grove smelled more than 5 miles away, in downtown Issaquah.											
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2025500220-1	12903 229th Ave SE		Kasia Grzebyk
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027		12903 229th Ave SE
	King		Issaquah, WA 98027
			(908) 240-0414

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01/30/2025	0800	ON	01/30/2025	1240	CAF	03/04/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Grove

Complainant Comments: Cedar Grove odor has persisted at our home for MORE than 24 hours. The smell pervaded our home overnight. I woke up feeling incredibly nauseous.

2025500222-1	20560 SE 159th St		Mike Munsinger
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		20560 se 159 st
	King		Renton, WA 98059
			(425) 417-6689

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Responsible Party: Landfill or cedar grove compost

Complainant Comments: The smell permeated our house and it woke us up. This is horrible. It stinks so bad it makes me cough. Some bad stuff in the air. Please protect us.



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2025500223-1	15056 205th Ave SE		Yasmin Armstrong
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		15056 205th Ave SE
	King		Renton, WA 98059
			(206) 484-4109
		Cedar Grove Compost Co	
		17825 Cedar Grove Rd	
		Maple Valley, WA 98038	
		Ron Westmoreland - General Manager	
		(206) 450-6182	
		[Registered] 25994	

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01/30/2025	1747	ON	01/30/2025	1749	CAF	03/04/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Landfill/ the King County Dump							
Complainant Comments: Smells horrible outside							

2025500224-1	13116 229th Ave SE	Erik Hyypia
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027	13116 229th Ave SE
		Issaquah, WA 98027
		(425) 233-1197

01/30/2025	0230	ON	01/30/2025	1805	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party:							
Complainant Comments: Thick vomitus miasma penetrating the house and waking us up.							

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2025500225-1 Odor	20214 SE 152nd St Renton, WA 98059 KING	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Jacquelyn green 20214 SE 152nd St Renton, WA 98059 (425) 232-2916
2025500226-1 Odor	23435 SE 160th Pl Issaquah, WA 98027	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Nicholas Ruff 23435 SE 160th Pl Issaquah, WA 98027 (810) 623-5000

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01/30/2025	2119	ON	01/30/2025	2121	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar grove compost							
Complainant Comments: Strong compost odor for over 2hrs, all throughout maple hills and lake McDonald neighborhood							

01/29/2025	2300	ON	01/30/2025	2129	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Composting							
Complainant Comments: Foul toxic odor from Cedar Grove Composting, coming inside through closed windows and taped doors. Lasted all night.							

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2025500227-1 Odor	14645 204th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059 King	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Valerie Barber 14645 204th Avenue SE Renton, WA 98059 (425) 518-1270	01/29/2025	0945	ON	01/30/2025	2201	CAF	03/02/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Responsible Party: Valerie Barber							
				Complainant Comments: A strong disgusting pungent smell in the air from the Cedar Grove landfill.. The smell is so bad It affects my asthma. I have to limit my exposure & can't go outside when this is present. The will linger for hours.							
2025500228-1 Odor	580 Mount Everest Ln SW Issaquah, WA 98027 King	Cedar Grove Compost Co 17825 Cedar Grove Rd Maple Valley, WA 98038 Ron Westmoreland - General Manager (206) 450-6182 [Registered] 25994	Rosemary Chase 580 Mount Everest Ln SW Issaquah, WA 98027-3625 (425) 545-0606	01/30/2025	0500	ON	01/31/2025	0204	CAF	03/05/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Composting							
				Complainant Comments: There is a strong rotten smell in the air around my house and throughout Issaquah. For the past 3 weeks I have been smelling it on and off and I also smelled it around Gilman Village. It's foul.							



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2025500231-1	15226 207th Pl Se, 15226 207th Pl Se		Lori Smith
Odor	Renton, WA 98059		15226 207th Pl Se, Renton, WA 98059 (425) 890-2234

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01/31/2025	1725	ON	01/31/2025	1727	CAF	03/04/2025	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responsible Party: Cedar Hills landfill and Compost

Complainant Comments: Horrible smell the last 3 days.

2025500232-1	13429 209th Ave SE		Barb Fotheringill
Odor	Issaquah, WA 98027 KING		13429 209th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027 (425) 829-6448

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Responsible Party: Cedar Grove Compist

Complainant Comments: Horrible sweet smell coming into house.