

**Date:** January 19, 2012  
**To:** Board of Directors  
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
**Subject:** Briefing – Burn Ban Area Boundaries/Darrington Area

Honorable Members:

The agency's practice is to call burn bans on a county-wide basis. However, Darrington's surrounding topography tends to isolate it from the rest of Snohomish County. The fine particle monitor in Darrington regularly indicates significantly higher levels than other monitors in Snohomish County. A burn ban call for some sub-county area in and around Darrington, when conditions warrant, would achieve two objectives:

- Protect the health of residents in Darrington by reducing fine particle emissions from local wood-burning devices.
- Avoid requiring residents elsewhere in Snohomish County to curtail their burning when conditions in the rest of the county don't warrant a burn ban.

We will discuss this with you at your January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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