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## Several Whatcom companies recognized for reducing air pollution

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Bellingham's Granite Precasting & Concrete, Inc. and three other Whatcom County businesses are being recognized for reducing air pollution.

The company will receive a Partners for Clean Air Platinum award from the Northwest Clean Air Agency for consistently going above and beyond of what is required to make communities a healthier place to live, according to a press release from the agency. Partners for Clean Air Awards are presented by the Northwest Clean Air Agency to businesses in Island, Skagit and Whatcom counties. The agency annually presents Platinum and Gold awards.

Granite Precasting & Concrete replaced an older boiler with a generator, reducing fuel usage by 40 percent. By paving over the gravel and routinely using a sweeper, the company reduced the particulate emissions from the yard by 90 percent. In addition, the company reduced vehicle emissions by initiating a "no idle policy" for their semi and delivery trucks.

The businesses that have been awarded the Partners for Clean Air Gold award include Granite Construction Company - Singer Asphalt Plant in Everson; Nylatech Inc. of Everson; and Bellingham's Tony's Coffees and Teas Inc.

Gold award recipients must comply with all applicable air quality regulations and have implemented additional clean air practices over the last three years in two of four pollution prevention categories.

Visit [nwcleanair.org](http://nwcleanair.org) for more information about the Air Quality Business Recognition program.

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