

Appendix 14 Snohomish County Snohomish County Airport – Paine Field Case Example

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Snohomish County, Washington

Snohomish County is working to make its operations more sustainable. The County's Sustainable Operations Action Plan guides its efforts to improve operations in a manner which conserves financial and environmental resources. The County operates Paine Field Snohomish County Airport (PAE), a general aviation/industrial aviation airport serving the County and communities located in the northern portion of the Seattle area. Paine Field has leased land to a private developer who is constructing a two-gate terminal building which will potentially offer airline service in the Fall/Winter of 2018.

PAE's recycling program includes paper and cardboard from the Fire, Administration, and Maintenance facilities. Employees receive information about the program via emails and posted signage. The County provides containers for employee and general aviation ramp waste and recyclable materials and contracts with private companies for collection of these materials. Tenants manage waste in their leased facilities using private contract containers. In the hangar area, bins are located about once every three hangars. The Airport Environmental Manager manages the program with the support of the County Office of Sustainability. Materials ordered for County operations at PAE adhere to the County's Purchasing guidelines, including materials which are reusable, recyclable, or compostable or contain recycled content. These programs reduce costs and address environmental impacts in alignment with the County's initiatives.

The County is working with the developer operator of the new terminal to design waste management strategies for the facility.