

Senate Bill 528 – Changes to Field Burning Regulations Starting in 2009

Reduction in acres burned:

- For **most types of grass seed** grown in the Willamette Valley, the maximum acreage allowed to be open field burned has been reduced from 40,000 to 20,000 acres for 2009. In 2010 and each year thereafter no more of this type of open field burning is allowed except for small amounts in emergencies or disease outbreaks.
- For certain **special grass seed varieties** and grass seed grown on **steep slopes** in the Willamette Valley, the maximum acreage allowed to be open field burned in 2009 and each year thereafter has been reduced from 25,000 to 15,000 acres. This type of open field burning is only allowed in a restricted area in the north Willamette Valley.
- For grass seed residues burned using a **propane flamer** in the Willamette Valley, the maximum acreage allowed to be flamed in 2009 has been reduced from 37,500 to 500 acres. This new maximum will remain in place through 2012. In 2013 and each year thereafter, no more propane flaming of grass seed residues will be allowed in the Willamette Valley.
- For grass seed residues **burned in stacks** in the Willamette Valley, the maximum acreage allowed to be burned in 2009 has been set at 1000 acres. This new limitation will remain in place through 2012. In 2013 and each year thereafter, no more stack burning of grass seed residues will be allowed in the Willamette Valley.

Increase in Registration and Burn Fees:

- The fee to register grass seed fields of any type to be **open burned** in the Willamette Valley has been increased from \$2 per acre to \$4 per acre.
- The fee to **open burn** grass seed fields of any type in the Willamette Valley has been increased from \$8 per acre to \$16 per acre.
- The fee to register grass seed fields of any type to be **propane flamed** in the Willamette Valley has been increased from \$1 per acre to \$2 per acre.
- The fee to **propane flame** grass seed fields of any type in the Willamette Valley has been increased from \$2 per acre to \$4 per acre.

Addition of Critical Non Burn Areas:

- Starting in the 2009 field burning season, no burning of any grass seed residues will be allowed under high voltage power transmission lines.