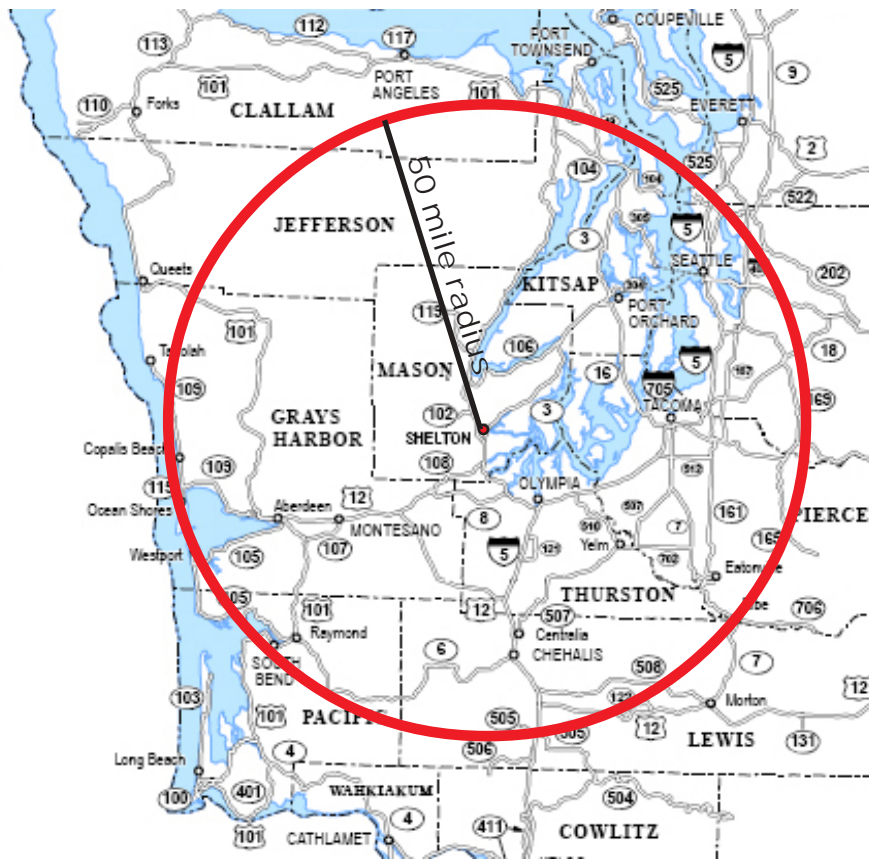


# Mason County: “Incinerator Central” for Puget Sound and the Olympic Peninsula ?

ADAGE handouts state they plan to collect “woody biomass” within a 50 mile radius to feed the incinerator and applied for the right to burn 1,440 tons of biomass every day, gathered by 100 or more massive semitrucks, each carrying 15 tons of fuel.

During the April 20, 2010 meeting of the Shelton Port Commission, Commissioner Jay Hupp announced that ADAGE has stated their intention to increase this range to a 75 miles radius. This would make Shelton the destination for incinerator waste from virtually all of Western Washington, including Mason, Grays Harbor, Cowlitz, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, and other counties. (See our Jobs Fact Sheet for information on where the biomass is located and its impact on jobs.)



The ORCAA application also states that the plant will be burning “clean woody biomass,” which can include branches (with leaves and needles), stumps, whole trees, brush, scrap and waste from lumber mills, and wood-based construction debris. The incinerator’s annual appetite for “about 600,000 tons” of fuel will quickly consume existing slash deposits.

There is no assurance that ADAGE will not seek permits to burn other materials after the forest biomass has been depleted. In other regions, similar incinerators have been granted permits to burn garbage and even hazardous waste.

