

BP Pipelines Northwest Pipelines District Public Comment Period

Oil Spill Contingency Plan Holder BP Pipelines Northwest Pipelines District submitted a significant update to Ecology necessitating a public comment period.

Under WAC 173-182, public notice, review, and comment periods are required for permanent significant changes to approved plans. These changes include:

- Worst-case discharge volume updates – the plan holder recalculated the worst-case spill volumes at all 15 river crossings using a more up-to-date model. Pipeline worst-case discharge volumes are calculated using the requirements listed in WAC 173-182-030(73) and WAC 173-182-230(3)(b). The changes in volume are significant enough to impact the amount of required equipment, as the pipeline planning standards (WAC 173-182-365) are based on worst-case discharges at river crossings to calculate required response capability.
- New planning standard spreadsheets reflecting the updated worst case discharge volumes
- Updated Alternate Qualified Individual staff

For the public's reference, the updated worst case discharge volume calculations and the planning standard spreadsheets are available in Appendix E. Below are links to BP Pipeline's entire Oil Spill Contingency Plan and the plan holder's Field Document:

Field Document:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/sppr/preparedness/BPPipelines/2024FieldDocument.pdf>

Oil Spill Contingency Plan:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/sppr/preparedness/BPPipelines/2024ContingencyPlan.pdf>