

Rule Proposal Notice

Water Quality Program

August 2013

Chapter 173-224-WAC Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to adopt amendments to Chapter 173-224 WAC, Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on August 21, 2013.

The purpose of this rule proposal is to increase annual permit fees by 4.55 percent for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014) and 4.63 percent for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015) for the following permit fee categories:

- Aquatic pest control.
- Boatyards.
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
- Dairies.
- Industrial, Municipal, Construction Stormwater General Permits and Individual Stormwater General Permits.
- Private and Government-Owned Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Municipal Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants with a residential equivalent total greater than 250,000.

Ecology is also proposing to clarify some language without changing the effect of the rule.

To obtain a copy of the proposed rule amendments, please visit the following website:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.html

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Ecology will hold a public hearing via video-conference on September 24, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the following locations.

Bellevue

Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 – 160th Avenue SE
Room 1C

Lacey

Department of Ecology
Headquarters Building
300 Desmond Drive
Room R0A-05

Yakima

Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Ave.
Sundance Room 309

Spokane

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 N Monroe Street
Room 1-SW-11

Comments are due on October 1

Special accommodations:

For special accommodations or documents in alternate format, call the Water Quality Program at 360-407-6600, 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341 (TTY).

Submit your comments

Comment period ends October 1, 2013.

You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at public hearings.
2. Email your comments to: bpos461@ecy.wa.gov
3. Fax comments to: Bev Poston at 360-407-7151
4. Mail comments to:
Department of Ecology
Bev Poston
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than October 30, 2013.

