

# Rule Adoption Notice

Water Quality Program

November 2013

## Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees, Chapter 173-224 WAC

This rule establishes annual fees for holders of wastewater and stormwater discharge permits. These permit fees pay for Ecology's management of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge Permit Program. The state uses wastewater and stormwater permits as primary tools to protect clean water.

### Summary of the rule changes adopted on November 1, 2013

After a public process, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has amended fees for some wastewater discharge permit fee category types. The fee increases cover state fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015). Ecology increased fees by 4.55 percent for fiscal year 2014 and 4.63 percent for fiscal year 2015.

Ecology also clarified some language within the rule without changing the effect of the rule.

### Response to comments

Ecology's responses to comments received during the public comment period are now available. Download a copy of the Concise Explanatory Statement at:  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit\\_fees/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.html)

### Whom does this rule affect?

Ecology will assess the fee increases to the following fee category types:

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

#### MORE INFORMATION

Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee Website:

[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit\\_fees/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.html)

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#### Rule Adopted

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#### Rule effective date:

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**Appeal procedures**

You may appeal the adoption of this rule under procedures described in the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.330). For more information about appealing this rule adoption, please contact Bari Schreiner, Agency Rules Coordinator, at 360-407-6998 or [bari.schreiner@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:bari.schreiner@ecy.wa.gov).

