

Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted amendments to Chapter 173-441 WAC – Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases. The rule was adopted on January 29, 2015 and will be effective on March 1, 2015.

Purpose of the Rule

Ecology is required by law (RCW 70.94.151) to keep the Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases rule consistent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Program. The purpose of this rule is to collect accurate and timely data essential for informing future policy decisions. This rule requires emissions reporting only and does not include emissions control or emissions reduction requirements.

Whom does this rule affect?

Amendments to Chapter 173-441 WAC affect facilities and transportation fuels suppliers that currently report GHG emissions and those likely to report in the future.

Summary of the Rule Changes

The following are examples of the adopted rule revisions:

- Revised the Global Warming Potentials, or GWP (GWP is a relative measure of how much heat a greenhouse gas traps in the atmosphere)
- Updated calculation and monitoring methods
- Made minor streamlining revisions to reporting requirements
- Corrected minor errors and improved readability

Ecology did not change requirements for transportation fuel suppliers or reporting threshold, confidential business information, or fees related to facilities.

Response to Comments

Ecology's response to comments is now available in the Concise Explanatory Statement. Download a copy at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/wac173441/1313docs.htm.

MORE INFORMATION

Rule Adoption

January 29, 2015

Rule Effective

March 1, 2015

Websites

Rule-making website:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/wac173441/1313ov.htm>

GHG Program website:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/permit_register/ghg/ghg.html

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More Information

For additional information about this rule making, please visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/wac173441/1313ov.htm>

For additional information about the GHG program, please visit:

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