

Rule Proposal Notice



Oil Spill Contingency Plan - Railroad

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt Chapter 173-186 WAC, Oil Spill Contingency Plan - Railroad. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on April 20, 2016.

What is the purpose of this rule proposal?

These proposed regulations establish oil spill contingency plan, drill and equipment verification requirements, and provisions for inspection of records for owners and operators of railroad facilities that are required to submit oil spill contingency plans under chapter 90.56 RCW, and for the response contractors that are listed in the railroad plans.

What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS).
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses.

To download these documents visit

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/1514docs.html>

Public Comment period

You can submit comments on this proposal through June 10, 2016.

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

1. Testify or submit written comments at public hearings.
2. Submit comments electronically at:
<https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/5779/2804978/>
3. Email your comments to: Linda.Pilkey-Jarvis@ecy.wa.gov
4. Mail comments to: Department of Ecology Spills Program
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5. FAX: (360) 407-7288

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact Spills Program Reception at (360) 407-7455, TTY (877) 833-6341, or 711 for Washington Relay Service by May 10, 2016.

WHY IT MATTERS

Railroad oil spill contingency ensure that environmental and economic damages from oil spills are reduced and that public health and safety is protected through immediate notifications of spills and threats of spills, coordination with first responders, pre-staged oil response equipment, and personnel trained to respond to incidents in a rapid, aggressive, and well-coordinated manner. The regulations also require regularly scheduled oil spill drills to test and strengthen the plans through implementation.

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Public hearing schedule

Ecology is holding four public hearings on this rule proposal, one each in Spokane, Everett, and Vancouver, and one via webinar.

Date	Time	Format	Location
Tuesday May 17, 2016	1:00–5:00 pm	In Person	Ramada at Spokane International Airport Lower Level Ballroom 8909 West Airport Drive Spokane, WA 99224
Monday May 23, 2016	7:00 pm	In Person	Holiday Inn Downtown Everett Ballroom 1 3105 Pine Street Everett, WA 98201
Wednesday June 1, 2016	1:00 pm	Webinar	To join the webinar click on the following link for more information and instructions: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/Webinar1514.pdf
Friday June 3, 2016	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	In Person	DoubleTree by Hilton - Vancouver The Columbia Room 12712 SE 2nd Circle Vancouver, WA 98684

For more information about the public hearings, visit the following website:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/1514ov.html>.

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 August 31, 2016.

