

Pollution Prevention Plan and Hazardous Waste Planning Fee for 2016

This information is for businesses and facilities that must complete a Pollution Prevention (P2) Plan and pay the Hazardous Waste Planning Fee. The purpose of the plan is to help Washington businesses reduce pollution in our state.

Q: What is the P2 Plan and when is it due?

A: Your P2 Plan will describe how you can voluntarily reduce your hazardous substance use and waste. The plan helps you find and describe pollution prevention opportunities within your line of work. It is due September 1 of each year. Ecology will notify you if you are required to complete a plan.

Q: Who is required to complete a P2 Plan?

A: A plan is required if your business or facility:

- Generated more than 2,640 pounds of hazardous waste annually; or
- Reported toxic releases under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

Q: How do I complete a plan?

A: Ecology experts can provide information and answer questions to help you develop your plan. You can also use TurboPlan, a web tool that guides you through preparing a Pollution Prevention Plan. Find TurboPlan at: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/p2/p3/TPGateway.html. We can also visit your site and offer recommendations to reduce your hazardous substance use and waste.

Q: Who pays the fee?

A: Businesses and facilities that are required to complete a plan may also be assessed a fee. For the 2016 fee, Ecology reviewed information from the 2015 Dangerous Waste Annual Reports (or if this report has not been submitted, the most recent year available) and the 2014 Toxics Release Inventory. Facilities that generated more than 2,640 pounds of recurrent hazardous waste are subject to the fee.

Pollution prevention planning benefits business

Many facilities report benefits from developing and following through with their Pollution Prevention Plans. These benefits include:

- Improved worker safety.
- Reduced compliance and liability costs.
- Saving money on chemical use and waste disposal.

For more information, visit

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/p2/p3

For more information about planning:

Contact your Ecology region office (names and phone numbers provided on the back).

For more information about fees:

Contact Vanessa O'Daniel
360-407-6731
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Special accommodations:

Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

Q: How much money is collected and how is it used??

A: In 2016, the total amount collected will be \$2,006,282. Ecology uses the funds from the planning fee to help facilities:

- Prepare P2 Plans.
- Find ways to avoid or reduce hazardous waste and the use of hazardous substances.

Q: When is the 2016 fee due?

A: Facilities must pay the fee by August 1, 2016.

Q: How do I pay the fee?

A: You will receive a return envelope with your invoice. Enclose the tear-off billing coupon with your payment. Credit cards cannot be used at this time.

Q: What happens if I pay late?

A: Ecology can charge a one percent interest rate per month on the amount of the fee according to RCW43.17.240.

Q: What happens if I do not pay the fee?

A: Ecology can send unpaid accounts to collection and may assess a 27 percent surcharge of the delinquent amount. This is to recover the cost of collection plus the delinquent amount owed.

Q: How is my fee calculated?

A: Chapter 173-305 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) outlines the formula used to calculate the planning fee, based on the rate per pound. The fee is calculated from:

- Your 2014 Toxics Release Inventory Report, counting only the on-site toxic releases to air, land, and water (only if your hazardous wastes, mentioned below, is over 2,640 pounds).
- Your 2015 Dangerous Waste Annual Report (or if this report has not been submitted, the most recent year available), counting only the recurrent manifested waste minus off-site recycling credits.

Wastes not counted:

- On-site recycled waste
- Exempt wastes
- Treatment by generator wastes
- Permit by rule wastes
- Non-recurrent wastes

In 2016, the fee cannot exceed a cap of \$20,063 for any individual facility or set of interrelated facilities.

Facilities generating between 2,640 and 4,000 pounds of hazardous waste pay \$61.00.

For more information about how the fee is calculated, see [WAC 173-305-220](#).

Q: What is the rate per pound?

A: This year it is .08092. The rate for Extremely Hazardous Waste (EHW) is counted at ten times that rate.

Q: Can the fee amount be adjusted?

A: No. The fee is based on 2015 Dangerous Waste Annual reports (or if this report has not been submitted, the most recent year available). The deadline for amending these reports was April 1, 2016.

However, if you generated hazardous waste that was recycled off site but didn't include recycling credits on your 2015 Dangerous Waste Annual report (or if this report has not been submitted, the most recent year available), contact Vanessa O'Daniel with Ecology at 360-407-6731 or email her at voda461@ecy.wa.gov.

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