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Implementation Plan for Chapter 173 - 322 WAC, Remedial Action Grants and Loans

1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use.

Staff in the Statewide Resources Section of the Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program (SWFAP) developed the rule. After adoption, the SWFAP will carry out the rule through revision of the Remedial Action Grant & Loan Program Guidelines to reflect the rule changes.

During the 2007-2009 biennium, one (1) FTE at headquarters will update the Remedial Action Program Guidelines to reflect the rule changes and updates. Until the Guidelines update is complete, SWFAP staff will provide prospective applicants with interim guidance explaining the changes occurring in the loan program.

Grant and loan applications, offers, management, and closure would follow rule amendment requirements upon adoption of the rule.

2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.

The Agency will publish notices, articles, and news briefs in various publications that target local government. The SWFAP will also work with the press at large to respond to inquiries and bring information of interest to local government.

The Agency will publish the Concise Explanatory Statement and other related rule documentation on the program website.

The SWFAP will develop a Rule Adoption Notice summarizing and publicizing the rule amendments. The SWFAP will directly mail the Rule Adoption Notice to all affected parties and also post it on the program website.

In addition, the SWFAP will post a focus sheet on the Agency website explaining the changes from the old rule to the new rule.

3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule.

The Agency would provide compliance assistance to local government in creating grant and loan applications through final grant closeout.

4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted including, to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcomes.

The Agency can employ several objective criteria to determine program implementation success:

- The number of grant/loan applications received and the financial need.
- The amount of funds that is available for grants or loans at the end of each biennium.
- The length of time for the preparation of grant or loan applications from local government.
- Ease of understanding and working with the guidelines and program parameters.
- Tracking issues raised by local government concerning the content of the rule, working with the rule and guidelines of the Remedial Action Grant/Loan Program.

5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.

Most Agency staff that will carry out this rule work are located at Ecology's headquarters in Lacey. They were involved in the rule-making process and are aware of the rule and law.

6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.

Ecology will need to revise the following:

- Program website
- Remedial Action Grant & Loan Program Guidelines.

New or supporting documents that need to be developed include the following:

- Rule Adoption Notice
- Focus sheets for each grant/loan program authorized under this rule.

Ecology will develop additional documents in response to needs it identifies after the program begins.