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Implementation Plan for Chapter 173 - 227 WAC, Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees

- 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.**

The Water Quality Program will be the lead in implementing and enforcing this rule. The Permit Fee Unit Staff, consisting of two full-time employees, is responsible for mailing out invoices and identifying delinquent accounts. The delinquent accounts are turned over for collection action if payment is not submitted by the requested due date. For those permit holders who fail to pay the collection agency, the Fee Administrator coordinates with the Regional Office Water Quality Section Manager in preparing and mailing out a permit revocation letter for nonpayment of fees. If a permit holder continues to discharge once the permit has been revoked, they are subject to fines as well as criminal action.

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

Ecology is mailing out a notice informing all permit holders and other interested parties of the adoption of the rule amendments.

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

It is a priority of the Permit Fee Unit Staff to respond quickly to permit holders who have concerns and questions regarding their permits and/or permit fees.

- 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 outcome.**

The Water Quality Program continually monitors the Permit Fee Account. Assigned staff continuously work on assessing fees, invoicing, making adjustments for small business or extreme hardship reductions, and responding to issues of concern from permit holders. This promotes the submittal of payments.

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

The Permit Fee Unit is available to meet with Ecology staff to discuss the rule changes.

- 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 update the Permit Fee Web Page with the proposed changes. Ecology staff will print copies of the adopted fee schedule and mail them to interested parties upon request.