

## Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, Chapter 173-98 WAC

### Emergency rule changes effective on April 20, 2011

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Water Quality Program is making a fourth emergency rule amendment to Chapter 173-98 WAC, Use and Limitations of the Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (Revolving Fund).

The emergency rule goes into effect April 20, 2011, and lasts 120 days while Ecology develops a permanent rule. It addresses provisions – such as green infrastructure and forgivable principal – in the new 2010 Clean Water Act federal appropriation. Ecology is conducting a permanent rulemaking process to incorporate these provisions into Chapter 173-98 WAC.

### What is Chapter 173-98 WAC?

This chapter provides a framework for how Ecology administers the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. The state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency use this key funding source to advance their clean water goals. These goals are to prevent and clean up water pollution, and to help communities make sustainable choices by providing technical and financial assistance for high priority water quality efforts.

### Whom does this rule affect?

Cities, counties, special purpose districts, Tribes, and institutions of higher education are most affected by this rule.

### Information about the Revolving Fund Program

Find out more about the Revolving Fund online at:  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/funding.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/funding.html)

To get updates on Ecology's rule-making activities, sign-up for the **WAC Track** e-mail list by clicking on the following email:  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html).

### Appeal procedures

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#### WHY IT MATTERS

The emergency rules allow the state to make federal funds available to cities, counties, special purpose districts, tribes, and institutions of higher education for high priority water quality projects.

The emergency rules address provisions, such as green infrastructure and forgivable principal in the 2010 Clean Water Act Revolving appropriation.

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#### Rulemaking website:

Find more information online about this rulemaking process.  
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