

Rule Proposal Notice

Water Quality Program

July 2011

Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees, Chapter 173-224 WAC

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to adopt Chapter 173-224 WAC (Washington Administrative Code). The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on August 3, 2011.

The purpose of this rule proposal is to increase annual permit fees by 4.34 percent for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012) and 4.62 percent for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013) for the following permit fee categories:

- Aquatic Pest Control.
- Boatyards.
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.
- Dairies.
- Industrial, Municipal, Construction, and Individual Stormwater General Permits.
- Municipal Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Private and Government-Owned Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Water Treatment Plants.

Fees for the remaining permit fee categories will remain at the current rates.

The proposed rule language is available for review and comment until September 1, 2011.

How to submit your comments

The public comment period ends on September 1, 2011. Ecology must receive your comments by 5 p.m. that day.

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

1. Testify at public hearings.
2. Email your comments to bev.poston@ecy.wa.gov
3. Mail comments to:
Department of Ecology
Attn: Bev Poston
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Olympia, WA 98504-7600

MORE INFORMATION

Public Hearing Schedule

Ecology will hold a public hearing via video-conference on August 24, 2011, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Lacey

Department of Ecology
Headquarters Building
300 Desmond Drive
Room R3A-19

Yakima

Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Ave
Suite 200

Spokane

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 N Monroe Street
Room 1-SW-11

Special accommodations:

If you need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call the Water Quality Program at 360-407-6502.

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

Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments Ecology receives will become part of the official record. We will respond to all comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is published 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 September 20, 2011

Contact information

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More information

To obtain a copy of the proposed rule changes, please visit the following website:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.html

