

Dangerous Waste Regulations Chapter 173-303 Washington Administrative Code

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted amendments to the *Dangerous Waste Regulations* in December 2014. The rules become effective January 18, 2015.

What is Chapter 173-303 WAC?

Chapter 173-303 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), also known as the *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, implements the Hazardous Waste Management Act. These regulations:

- Establish requirements for generators and transporters.
- Set waste management standards for facilities that treat, store, dispose, or recycle dangerous waste.
- Are updated every two to four years to stay current with EPA's¹ *Hazardous Waste Regulations* and to revise state standards.

Summary of the rule changes adopted on December 18, 2014

With this rule making, both federal requirements and state-initiated amendments were adopted. Significant rule changes include:

- A new rule simplifying waste management at university and college laboratories.
- Changes to EPA import/export rules.
- Incorporating corrections to EPA hazardous waste regulations.
- Adding requirements allowing facilities to use an independent qualified registered engineer for regulatory certifications.
- Changes to financial assurance rules.
- Allowing use of enforceable documents instead of post closure permits.
- Updating the Chemical Test Methods guidance.

Please see the rule filing order (CR-103 form) and the adopted rule language for the complete set of changes made to this rule.

¹ Environmental Protection Agency

Why it Matters

Regular updates to the Dangerous Waste Regulations keep Washington State consistent with latest EPA regulations.

New rules, such as the Academic Laboratory Rule, provide more options for certain generators and promote better compliance with the regulations.

Other changes make the rules easier to understand and ensure accuracy.

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Response to Comments

Ecology's response to comments received during the public comment period is now available. Download a copy at www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173303/1307.html.

Whom does this rule affect?

Chapter 173-303 WAC affects:

- Businesses that generate, transport, and/or manage dangerous waste
- State governmental agencies
- Officials at Ecology and EPA

Appeal procedures

This adoption can be appealed under procedures described in the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.330). For more information about appealing this rule adoption, please contact Bari Schreiner, Agency Rules Coordinator, at 360-407-6998 or bari.schreiner@ecy.wa.gov.

More information

Dangerous Waste Rule Development website:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/laws_rules/DWRuleMaking.html

Ecology Current Rule-Making website: www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173303/1307.html

Newly revised *Chemical Test Methods for Designating Dangerous Waste* is available at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/97407.html>

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