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Purpose

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides the information in this implementation plan to meet agency and Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.328) requirements related to rule adoptions.

Introduction

On July 16, 2014, Ecology adopted amendments to Chapter 173-182 WAC Oil Spill Contingency Plan (AO # 13-10). The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with Chapter 173-182 WAC about how the Ecology intends to:

- Implement and enforce the rule.
- Inform and educate persons affected by the rule.
- Promote and assist voluntary compliance for the rule.
- Evaluate the rule.
- Train and inform Ecology staff about the new or amended rule.

Also included in this plan is information about:

- Supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of the new rule or amended rule.
- Other resources where more information about the rule is available.
- Contact information for Ecology employees who can answer questions about the rule implementation.

Implementation and Enforcement

Ecology will implement and enforce this rule. Using existing resources, Ecology staff will continue to work with plan holders and the regulated community in complying with the requirements of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan rule. Since the standards in this rule are already being implemented, we do not anticipate additional resources are needed to implement and enforce this rule.

Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule

To help inform and educate the affected persons, Ecology has done the following:

- Sent out public notices
- Used a distribution list created for this rule making to send updates
- Posted information on Ecology's agency and Spills Program web pages
- Issued a press release announcing the adoption of the rule
- Emailed stakeholders who have requested to be on our distribution list for this rule making
- Posted the final rule on the internet for public access

- Included information on the program and rule-making process under the Rules section of Ecology's Laws and Rules web site
- Informed and educated the public when they contact Ecology

Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance

The actions mentioned above to inform and educate affected persons on the changes also help to promote voluntary compliance. Program staff is available to respond to stakeholder phone and e-mail inquiries.

Evaluating the Rule

Ecology will work closely with plan holders and the regulated community to evaluate the effectiveness of the rule. Contingency plan reviews occur periodically and provide opportunities to evaluate the rule.

Training and Informing Agency Staff

Program staff who have worked on this rule making will continue to network with and inform staff throughout Ecology and other agencies as needed. No additional training is required.

List of Supporting Documents that May Need to be Written or Revised

We have identified no supporting documents that may need to be written or revised.

More Information

Rule making documents are available at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173182/1310.html>

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