



# Public Meeting Notice

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## Proposed Funding for Water Quality Projects

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to attend a public meeting to discuss the preparation of the Draft Offer and Applicant List for the Centennial Clean Water Fund, the federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Fund, and the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for state fiscal year 2002 (FY 2002). Ecology welcomes your comments on the draft list.

Ecology proposes to fund 106 activity and facility projects during the FY 2002 funding cycle. Ecology proposes to award approximately \$25.1 million from the Centennial Clean Water Fund, \$2.3 million from the Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Fund, and \$79.6 million from the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

A 1986 state statute created the Water Quality Account, which is financed primarily through taxes on tobacco products. Ecology administers the Centennial Clean Water Fund, which is part of the Water Quality Account. The agency offers Centennial grants and loans to local governments, Native American tribes, and other public entities for water pollution control projects.

Ecology administers the federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Fund. This fund provides grants to local governments, Native American tribes, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations to address nonpoint source pollution and to improve and protect water quality. Nonpoint source pollution includes many diffuse sources of pollution including runoff from urban development, agricultural and timber practices, failing septic systems, pet waste, and gardening activities.

In addition, Ecology also administers the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. This program uses federal funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and provides low-interest loans to local governments, Native American tribes, and other public entities. The loans are primarily for upgrading or expanding water pollution control facilities such as public sewage and stormwater plants, and for activities to address estuary management and nonpoint source water quality problems.

Ecology's water quality financial and technical assistance is essential to local governments, Native American tribes, and others. The proposed projects will help prevent water pollution and protect water quality for swimming, boating, fish habitat, and other important uses.

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If you have questions about the draft list, funding programs, or the public meetings, please contact Kim McKee at (360) 407-6566.

For more information about the draft list and water quality financial assistance, visit Ecology's web page at: <http://www.wa.gov/ecology/wq/links/funding.html>

**Following are the dates, times, and locations of the public meetings:**

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**TACOMA**                      Tuesday, July 31, 2001                      Beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Pierce County Library, Administrative Service Center  
3005 112<sup>th</sup> Street East (Rooms A, B & C)

**SPOKANE**                      Wednesday, August 1, 2001                      Beginning at 10:00 a.m.  
Spokane Public Library, Downtown Branch  
906 West Main Avenue (Lincoln St. & Main Ave.)

**Driving Directions**

**TACOMA**

From I-5: Take exit 127 east – Hwy 512, Puyallup. Go about 3.5 miles and take Portland Avenue exit right (south) to 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Left on 112<sup>th</sup> about ½ mile to Waller Road. PAC building is just past intersection on the left.

From Hwy. 410: Take Hwy. 167 west at Sumner about ½ mile to exit for Hwy. 161 and Hwy. 512. Stay on 512 west to Canyon Road. Go left (south) on Canyon to 112<sup>th</sup> Street. Right on 112<sup>th</sup> about 1.5 miles to the PAC building on right.

**SPOKANE**

Eastbound on I-90: Take Exit 280 (“Maple BR./Lincoln St.”), and continue east to Lincoln Street. Turn left onto Lincoln Street and continue north. Lincoln will intersect with Main Street. The Library building will be on your left.