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1. Implementation Plan for Chapter 173 - 455 WAC, Air Quality Fee Rule

- 1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use.**

The only part of the rule that will need an implementation strategy is the two newly added fees. For that, Ecology will inform the public of the new fees and enforce them as they do any other fee.

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.**

Affected persons have already been informed of the new rule, along with the two new fees, through the State Register, newspaper notification and through Ecology's web site. Going forward, Ecology will notify the public of any related activity through its web site and emails to the interested party list.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule.**

For the majority of the fees in the rule, the affected parties are already in compliance. The two new fees are new to Ecology only. Most affected parties are used to paying similar fees to the local air authorities. Since Ecology received no comments against the fees, we anticipate no problems with compliance.

- 4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted, including to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcome.**

The rule was created to consolidate most of the Air Quality fees into one place. This will not only make it easier for the general public to find their fees, but it will also make it much easier for Ecology to keep the fees up to date. Ecology will know that the rule did not achieve its goal if the public makes regular comments/complaints of confusion, which we do not anticipate.

- 5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.**

There will be very little training involved with this rule as most of it is already being implemented. For the new fees, Ecology already requires notification. Moving forward, staff will need to request payment with the notification and process the fees through Ecology Headquarters as they do with other fees.

- 6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or Identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.**

No supporting documentation will need to be revised. A new focus sheet has been created to explain the new rule for any interested party.