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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 new rules will be implemented for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 funding cycle, which begins on September 1, 2007.

- Ecology staff will post the rule changes on the Rule Amendment Web page at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/currentactivity.htm>
- New program guidelines will be developed before rule implementation.
- Ecology staff will conduct internal training sessions for the regional offices and Ecology's Fiscal Office, which are tentatively scheduled:
 - July 17, 2007—Lacey
 - July 18, 2007—Bellevue
 - July 25, 2007—Spokane
 - July 26, 2007—Yakima
- September 2007, Ecology staff will hold at least four funding workshops across the state to inform current and future recipients, consultants, and other stakeholders about the new rules, which are tentatively scheduled:
 - September 5, 2007—Lynnwood
 - September 6, 2007—Lacey
 - September 10, 2007—Spokane
 - September 12, 2007—Ellensburg
- June 2007, Ecology staff will present at the Annual Washington Association of District Employees Conference.
- October - November 2007, Ecology staff will give at least one presentation at the 2007 Annual Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council.
- Spring 2008, Ecology staff will hold at least two recipient training workshops.

Ecology staff at headquarters and in the regional offices will implement the new rules as now, through day-to-day financial and project management, with the support of the Financial Management Section Manager and the Unit Supervisor. This should not require additional resources.

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

- Ecology staff will post the rule changes on the Rule Amendment Web page at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/currentactivity.htm>
- Ecology staff will conduct internal training sessions for the regional offices and Ecology's Fiscal Office.
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- Spring 2008, Ecology staff will hold at least two recipient training workshops.
- Ecology staff will continue to brief the Water Quality Program Financial Assistance Council (FAC). The FAC represents numerous counties, cities, tribes, and state and federal agencies across the state.

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

The steps indicated in questions 1 and 2 will provide the platform to promote the new rules. The grant and loan recipient training will be key in assisting voluntary compliance, as well as one-on-one recipient training that typically takes place on a regular basis.

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 grant and loan recipient training will be held several months after the rule is implemented, which should be enough time for recipients and other stakeholders to evaluate the rules and provide some initial, meaningful feedback.

In addition, Ecology Financial Management Staff will attend the quarterly Ecology Activities and Facilities Workgroups in which grant and loan project issues and solutions are discussed.

Information gathered at the workgroups will be shared with the Financial Management Section Manager and Unit Supervisor for further evaluation.

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

- Ecology will hold internal training sessions at headquarters and the regional offices regarding rule changes.
- Ecology staff will attend external conferences in which rule changes will be discussed.
- Other Ecology staff will attend the funding cycle workshops as well.
- Ecology staff will continue to brief the Ecology Program Management Team (PMT) as needed, who will then brief their staff.

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.

- New program guidelines are currently being developed.
- A new funding application is currently being developed.
- Numerous outdated Web pages will need updating

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