

Proposed Changes to Rules for Toxic Air Pollutants and General Air Pollution Sources

Ecology is changing its rules for toxic air pollutants (Chapter 173-460 WAC) and general sources of air pollution (Chapter 173-400 WAC). Both of these rules apply to new or modified sources of toxic air pollution.

What do the proposed rule changes do?

The changes:

- update the toxic air pollutant list;
- set emission limits that reflect the most current scientific information; and
- improve consistency between the two rules.

Who do the changes affect?

These proposed changes affect Washington businesses that emit toxic air pollutants. This is a broad range of industries and facilities.

What will these changes mean for affected businesses?

The rule changes:

- Require anyone proposing to install a new source or modify an existing source of toxic air pollution to submit a Notice of Construction (NOC) application.
- Consolidate permit process and exemptions into a new rule section, WAC 173-400-110, and streamline and clarify the permitting process.
- Set de minimis levels (levels low enough not to be regulated) for each regulated toxic air pollutant.
- Allow sources to reduce toxic air pollutant emissions across multiple sources to meet standards.

How to comment on the proposed rule changes

You can comment by attending one of the public hearings listed in the right-hand column above; or by writing or emailing Linda Whitcher using the contact information provided.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

LACEY, WASHINGTON

January 13, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Department of Ecology

Headquarters Building

Room 1S 16-17

300 Desmond Drive

Lacey, WA

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

January 14, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Department of Ecology

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