

Rule Proposal Notice

Air Quality Program

September 2010

Proposed Changes to Rules for General Sources of Air Pollution (Chapter 173-400 WAC)

The Department of Ecology is proposing to adopt changes to Chapter 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources. The rule proposal notice will be published in the Washington State Register on October 20, 2010.

The purpose of this rule proposal is to:

- develop New Source Review rules for sources in nonattainment areas;
- make needed corrections to the State Implementation Plan (the plan for meeting air quality standards); and
- make needed “housekeeping” changes.

Ecology has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS), and a preliminary cost-benefit analysis, which are also available for review and comment until November 12, 2010.

Public hearing schedule

Lacey:

November 9, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Department of Ecology Headquarters building
Room 0A-32, 300 Desmond Drive

Spokane - via video conference:

November 9, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 N. Monroe Street

MORE INFORMATION

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- make needed corrections to the State Implementation Plan (the plan for meeting air quality standards); and
- make needed “housekeeping” changes.

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Information is available online at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/AirPollutionSourcesRule/GenRegs_Pollution.html

If you need special accommodations, please contact the Air Quality Program at (360) 407-6800 by October 25, 2010. If you have a hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. If you have a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.



How to submit your comments

You can submit comments through November 12, 2010 in the following ways:

1. Testify at public hearings.
2. Visit our website and submit comments electronically at: <insert web link>.
3. Email your comments to linda.whitcher@ecy.wa.gov
4. Mail comments to:

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Air Quality Program
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Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record and responded to in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The Concise Explanatory Statement is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is published after the rule is adopted. You will be able to find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than December 1, 2010.

