

Water Quality Program

Use and Limitations of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, Chapter 173-98 WAC

What is Chapter 173-98 WAC?

The Washington State Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (SRF) is a key funding source used to advance the water quality goals of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program (Program). The goal of the Program is to prevent and clean up water pollution and help communities make sustainable choices by providing technical and financial assistance for high priority water quality efforts.

Summary of the emergency rule changes effective on April 19, 2010

The emergency rule amendments to the SRF will address provisions, such as green infrastructure and forgivable principal in the new 2010 Clean Water State Revolving Fund federal appropriation.

Whom does this rule affect?

Cities, counties, special purpose districts, tribes, and institutions of higher education are most affected by this rule.

More information about the SRF Program

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/funding.html

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Why It Matters

The amended rules allow federal funds to be made available to cities, counties, special purpose districts, tribes, and institutions of higher education for high priority water quality projects. These projects protect and restore the water quality of waters of the state of Washington.

Important dates:

Effective April 19, 2010.

The emergency rule expires on August 17, 2010.

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