

Rule Adoption Notice

Water Quality Program

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Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees, Chapter 173-224 WAC

This rule establishes annual fees for holders of wastewater and stormwater discharge permits. Permit fees pay for Ecology's management of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge Permit Program. Wastewater and stormwater permits are the state's primary tools to protect clean water.

Summary of the rule changes

After a public process, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has amended fees for some wastewater discharge permit category types. The fee increases cover state fiscal years 2012 (FY 2012), which is July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, and fiscal year 2013 (FY 2013), which is July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Fees were increased by 4.34 percent for FY 2012 and 4.62 percent for FY 2013.

The fee increases affect only those categories of permit fee types whose expenditures exceed the revenues being collected.

Whom does this rule affect?

The fee increases will be assessed to the following fee category types:

- Aquatic Pest Control
- Boatyard
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
- Dairies
- Construction Stormwater Individual and General Permits
- Industrial Stormwater Individual and General Permits
- Municipal Domestic Wastewater (includes Private and Government Owned Domestic Wastewater Permits)
- Municipal Stormwater
- Water Treatment Plants

MORE INFORMATION

Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee Website:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/permit_fees/index.html

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www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html

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Responses to comments received

Ecology's response to comments received during the public comment period is now available. Download a copy at www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/1110067.html.

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Appeal procedures

This adoption can be appealed under procedures described in the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.330). For more information about appealing this rule adoption, please contact Bari Schreiner, Agency Rules Coordinator, at 360-407-6998 or bari.schreiner@ecy.wa.gov.

