

General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to Chapter 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on June 6, 2012. Ecology is also proposing revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

What is the purpose of the rule proposal?

The purpose of this rule proposal is to:

- Amend the rule sections related to permits for industrial and commercial sources of air pollution, including minor new source review and major new source review (Prevention of Significant Deterioration), to make them consistent with Federal Clean Air Act requirements.
- Support Ecology's request for EPA approval of SIP revisions.
- Clarify that the SIP applies to the six air contaminants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), their pre-cursors, and those air contaminants regulated under Part C Title I of the Federal Clean Air Act.
- Help emitters comply with the rule through better access to references, improved readability, and better understanding of regulations and permitting requirements.

What is the purpose of the SIP revision?

The purpose of the SIP revision is to meet Federal Clean Air Act requirements, including the requirements of Section 110, Part C and Part D. At this time, the only sections being considered for SIP submittal are WAC 173-400-020 and WAC 173-400-030(3). Ecology plans to submit additional sections of Chapter 173-400 WAC to EPA for SIP approval in the future.

What documents are available for review and comment?

- Proposed rule language
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit analysis.
- Proposed SIP language.

These documents are available for review at

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173400/1110.html>].

MORE INFORMATION

Formal comment period ends July 6, 2012

Public Hearing:

Two consecutive public hearings will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Date:

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Location:

Department of Ecology
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Auditorium: ROA-32
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Web site:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173400/1110.html>]

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Public hearings

Two consecutive public hearings will be held on June 27, 2012.

During the first hearing, Ecology invites comments on the proposed changes to Chapter 173-400 WAC.

Immediately after the close of the rule proposal hearing, the second hearing will begin. At this hearing, Ecology invites comments on the proposal to submit portions of the rule proposal, (WAC 173-400-020 and 173-400-030(3)) to EPA for inclusion in the SIP. The rule revisions are intended to meet the requirements of Section 110, Part C and Part D, of the Federal Clean Air Act.

Comment period

The comment period ends July 6, 2012.

You may submit written comments on this proposed rule revision and SIP submittal through July 6, 2012. Comments may be presented either orally or in writing at the public hearings. If you are unable to attend the public hearings or wish to submit your comments in writing, please address your comments to Linda Whitcher.

Submit your comments

You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

- Testify or submit written comments at public hearings.
- Email comments to: Linda.Whitcher@ecy.wa.gov
- Mail comments to:
Department of Ecology
Linda Whitcher
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
- FAX comments to: (360) 407-7534

Ecology's response to your comments

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

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than July 13, 2012.

