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State of Washington

## **Rule Implementation Plan**

### **General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources**

#### **Chapter 173-400 WAC**

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# Purpose

Ecology provides the information in this implementation plan to meet agency and Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.328) requirements related to rule adoptions.

# Introduction

The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with Chapter 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources about how the Department of Ecology (Ecology) intends to:

- Implement and enforce the rule.
- Inform and educate persons affected by the rule.
- Promote and assist voluntary compliance for the rule.
- Evaluate the rule.
- Train and inform Ecology staff about the new or amended rule.

Also included in this plan is information about:

- Supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of the new rule or amended rule.
- Other resources where more information about the rule is available.
- Contact information for Ecology employees who can answer questions about the rule implementation.

# Implementation and Enforcement

Implementation and enforcement of this rule lies with Ecology and the seven local air agencies responsible for maintaining air quality within their jurisdictions. Local air authority staff and Ecology staff are the resources that will be used to implement and enforce this rule.

<b>Permitting agency</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Benton Clean Air Agency	Benton County
Northwest Clean Air Agency	Island, Skagit & Whatcom counties
Olympic Region Clean Air Agency	Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason, Thurston & Pacific counties
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	King, Kitsap, Pierce & Snohomish County
Southwest Clean Air Agency	Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, & Wahkiakum counties
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency	Spokane
Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency	Yakima
Central Regional Office - Dept. of Ecology	Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat & Okanogan counties
Eastern Regional Office – Dept. of Ecology	Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla & Whitman counties
Northwest Regional Office – Dept. of Ecology	San Juan County
Industrial Section, Waste 2 Resources Program – Dept. of Ecology	Major industries in Washington State
Nuclear Waste Program – Dept. of Ecology	U.S. Dept. of Energy’s Hanford Site

## **Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule**

Ecology will issue a press release when the rule is adopted and send email notice to the individuals, agencies, and organizations that worked with us on developing the rule amendments and all individuals, organizations and companies that commented on the proposed rule or are impacted by the regulation. When applicants contact Ecology and the local air agencies, we will inform and educate them about the rule changes that affect them.

The final rule amendment language will be posted on the agency's web page. The codified rule incorporating these revisions will be posted on the agency web page when the revised rule is completed by the Office of the Code Reviser.

## **Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance**

Ecology is proposing the rule amendments to assure that it is consistent with federal requirements. These rules would then be adopted into the State Implementation Plan (SIP) so that Washington can gain SIP approval for its new source review and prevention of significant deterioration permitting programs. Gaining SIP approval of these programs helps ensure the state is aligned and consistent with federal law while attaining and maintaining good air quality and protecting citizen's health.

Ecology will promote voluntary compliance through technical assistance when air emission permits are applied for, issued, or revised.

## **Evaluating the Rule**

Chapter 173-400 WAC is a substantial part of the framework of Washington's program to meet federal air quality standards and protect human health. The rule includes a number of programs, such as the new source review program for major and minor sources in attainment, unclassifiable and nonattainment areas.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 173-400 WAC will:

- Bring the rule in line with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current new source review requirements.
- Support Ecology's revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Ecology will submit the rule to EPA for approval into the State Implementation Plan (SIP), a statewide plan for meeting air quality standards. When EPA considers sections of Chapter 173-400 WAC for adoption into the SIP, they will review those sections for compliance with the federal Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations. If EPA finds sections are out of compliance with federal regulations, they will notify Ecology and we will have the opportunity to revise the rule and bring it into compliance.

Also, over the next three years, we will assess whether the rule meets federal standards and determine if adjustments are necessary.

## **Training and Informing Ecology Staff**

Many of the Ecology staff responsible for implementing this revised rule work directly with the affected industrial sources and are already familiar with the nuances of the rule changes. These staff are available to coach other permit writers in their sections on how to best implement the changes.

## **List of Supporting Documents that May Need to be Written or Revised**

This amendment is minor. No documents need to be amended in response to these revisions.

## **More Information**

For more information on the Air Quality Program see:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/airhome.html>

For more information on businesses and industries in Washington that need air quality permits, including the NSR and minor source programs see:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/permit\\_register/NewPermitsPage.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/permit_register/NewPermitsPage.html)

For more information on local clean air agencies see:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/local.html>

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