



Proposed Washington State Implementation Plan Update

In April 2014, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) will submit an infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP) for lead to the federal Environmental Protection (EPA). No new rules or requirements are being proposed.

The public can request a hearing. If a hearing is requested by 5 p.m. March 17, 2014, Ecology will hold one. If no request is received by the deadline, Ecology will not hold a hearing.

What is an infrastructure SIP?

An infrastructure SIP demonstrates that Washington has the means and authority to implement the federal air quality lead standard in all areas of the state. EPA updated the air quality lead standard in 2008. Ecology must submit the infrastructure SIP to fulfill the federal Clean Air Act requirement for this updated standard.

The major sources of lead emissions have historically been from fuels in vehicles and industrial sources. Lead levels in the air decreased dramatically since EPA worked to remove lead from gasoline in the 1970s. The major sources of lead emissions to the air today are industries that process ore and metals, and piston-engine aircraft operating on leaded aviation gasoline.

What is the new lead standard?

On October 15, 2008 the EPA strengthened the federal air quality standard for lead by lowering it from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to 0.15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (based on a rolling three-month average).

Does Washington meet the standard?

Yes. Washington does not have any areas that violate the 2008 lead standard.

We don't currently have many lead sources in Washington. Battery recyclers, wood products facilities, pulp and paper mills, glass manufacturers, and refineries are a few of the sources that emit lead at very low levels in Washington.

Washington monitors for lead at the Beacon Hill site in Seattle. The data from this site show values well below the standard. Monitoring was also required at two airports for a 12 month period: Harvey Field in Snohomish and Auburn Municipal Airport. Lead levels were well below the standard at the two airports, so monitoring was discontinued.

MORE INFORMATION

Formal Comment Period:

February 14, 2014 through
March 24, 2014

Deadline to request a public hearing:

March 17, 2014 5pm

Public Hearing, if held:

March 20, 2014

10:00 am

Department of Ecology HQ
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

- If Ecology does not receive a request for a hearing Ecology will not hold one.
- If Ecology cancels the hearing, we will post this decision on Ecology's Public Involvement calendar on March 18, 2013.
- You may also contact Ecology to find out if we canceled the hearing.

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Special accommodations:

For special accommodations or documents in an alternate format, call 360-407-6800, 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341 (TTY).



Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing

Why are we revising the SIP?

Washington is required to submit an infrastructure SIP to EPA within 3 years following the issue of a new or revised air quality standard. The proposed infrastructure SIP certifies Washington has the authority, rules, and programs to continue to meet the 2008 lead standard.

Where can I get more information?

The proposed SIP revision and related documents are available for review on Ecology's website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/infrastructure.htm>. You can also view the document at:

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Lacey, WA 98503

How can I request a hearing?

You can request a hearing by contacting Laurie Hulse-Moyer (360) 407-6783 by March 17, 2014. If Ecology receives a request for a public hearing, Ecology will hold a hearing to receive public comments on the proposed SIP revision as follows:

March 20, 2014, 10:00 am
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Lacey, WA 98503

If no one requests a hearing, Ecology will not hold one. To find out if Ecology cancelled the hearing, check Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp> or call Laurie Hulse-Moyer.

How can I submit comments?

The comment period starts February 14 and ends March 24, 2014. You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at the public hearing.
2. Email your comments to: AQComments@ecy.wa.gov
3. Mail comments to:

Department of Ecology
Laurie Hulse-Moyer
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

4. FAX: 360-407-7534

How will Ecology respond to comments?

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments on Ecology's website when we submit our proposed SIP revision to EPA. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.