

# Rule Proposal Notice

**Air Quality Program**

**October 2014**

## Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases

The Washington State Department of Ecology proposes to amend Chapter 173-441 WAC – Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on November 5, 2014.

### Purpose of the Rule

Ecology is required by law (RCW 70.94.151) to keep the Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases rule consistent with EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program. To do this, Ecology is proposing to:

- Revise the Global Warming Potentials (GWP is a relative measure of how much heat a greenhouse gas traps in the atmosphere)
- Update calculation and monitoring methods
- Make minor streamlining revisions to reporting requirements
- Correct minor errors and improve readability

Ecology is not changing requirements for transportation fuel suppliers or reporting threshold, confidential business information, or fees related to facilities.

### Documents Available for Review and Comment

The following documents are available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language
- Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analysis

To download these documents, visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/wac173441/1313ov.htm>

#### MORE INFORMATION

**Public comment period ends:**  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014

**Public hearing:**  
Wednesday, December 3, 2014  
10 a.m.

**Public hearing location:**  
Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive  
Lacey, WA 98503

**Information for public hearing webinar:**  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/webinars.htm>

**Directions to hearing location:**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/directory\\_hq.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/directory_hq.html)

**Website:**  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/wac173441/1313ov.htm>

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

## Public Hearing Schedule

Ecology is holding one public hearing on this rule proposal. The hearing will begin with a short presentation followed by a question and answer (Q&A) session. Testimony will start after the Q&A session. Comments may be provided orally by those who attend in person or via the webinar. Staff will also accept written comments submitted at the hearing but **not** via the webinar.

**Date:** December 3, 2014

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA

**Directions:** [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/directory\\_hq.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/directory_hq.html)

**Webinar:** Ecology is also offering the presentation, Q&A session, and public hearing through a webinar. A webinar is an online meeting forum that can be accessed from any computer or smart phone with an internet connection. For more information about the webinar and instructions about how to join and participate through the webinar, visit: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/rules/webinars.htm>

## Submit Your Comments

You can submit comments on this rule proposal through December 10, 2014. You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

- Email your comments to [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov)
- Mail comments to:
  - Stacey Callaway
  - P.O. Box 47600
  - Olympia, WA 98504-7600
- Testify orally or submit written comments in person at the public hearing
- Testify orally through the webinar during the public hearing
- 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 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 your comments.

## Expected Adoption Date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule by January 20, 2015.