

# Rule Proposal Notice

## Water Quality Program

June 2015

### New Reclaimed Water Rule

The Washington State Department of Ecology proposes to adopt a new rule Chapter 173-219, Reclaimed Water. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on July 1, 2015.

#### What is the purpose of this rule proposal?

The Reclaimed Water Rule establishes an efficient, effective and consistent statewide implementation framework, including standards and permitting requirements to address the production, distribution, and encourage beneficial uses of reclaimed water.

#### What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses.
- Proposed guidance document Reclaimed Water Treatment Facilities Manual: The Purple Book.

To download these documents visit the Rulemaking website:

[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ruledev/wac173219/0612documents.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ruledev/wac173219/0612documents.html)

#### Public comment period

You can submit comments on this proposal through August 21, 2015.

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

1. Submit comments at public hearings (see public hearing schedule below for more details).
2. Visit our website and submit comments electronically at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ruledev/wac173219/0612publicinvolvement.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ruledev/wac173219/0612publicinvolvement.html).
3. Email your comments to: [ReclaimedWater@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ReclaimedWater@ecy.wa.gov).
4. Mail comments to:  
Department of Ecology/RW Comments  
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#### WHY IT MATTERS

Having abundant reclaimed water protects our limited water supplies and is part of the state's broader initiative to prepare for climate change and periodic droughts.



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#### Special accommodations:

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**Public hearing schedule**

**Hearing 1** -Spokane Valley, July 21, 2015.

**Time: 9:30 AM** - Presentation, question and answer session followed by the formal public hearing.

Location:

CenterPlace Regional Event Center

2426 N Discovery Place

Spokane Valley, WA 99216

**Hearing 2** - Lacey, July 23, 2015

**Time: 9:30 AM** - Presentation, question and answer session followed by the formal public hearing.

Location:

Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE

Lacey, WA 98504

**Webinar:** You may also attend this hearing online by webinar. You will need a computer and a phone.

To join the webinar click on the following link for more information and instructions:

<https://wadis.webex.com/wadis/j.php?MTID=m86eb3bbfdb7b5f10530bf64bb9f05d08>

**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 no earlier than October 28, 2015, effective in late November 2015.

