

### Amending rules to include EPA requirements and California vehicle emission standards

Ecology is proposing to amend three rules:

- General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources (Chapter 173-400 WAC)
- Low Emission Vehicles (Chapter 173-423 WAC)
- Ambient Air Quality Standards (Chapter 173-476 WAC)

The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on March 16, 2016. If adopted, Ecology proposes to submit rule revisions to EPA for inclusion into the Washington State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP is a statewide plan for meeting federal air quality standards.

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

The purpose of the rule proposal is to adopt new requirements for the following:

- **General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources** – include new federal rules and changes to federal rules since the last time Ecology amended this chapter (2012).
- **Low Emission Vehicles** – include updates to California motor vehicle emission standards.
- **Ambient Air Quality Standards** – include the lower federal ozone standard and associated monitoring requirements.

#### What is the purpose of the SIP proposal?

The purpose of the SIP revision is to include the proposed rule amendments into the SIP to meet federal Clean Air Act requirements. The SIP revision requests three actions from EPA:

- Approve certain revisions to Chapters 173-400 and 173-476 WAC into the SIP, and remove existing language that is being replaced
- Approve certain revision of Chapter 173-400 WAC into the Benton County Clean Air Agency SIP, and remove existing rule language that is being replaced

#### MORE INFORMATION

##### Public comment period

February 25, 2016 –  
April 12, 2016

##### Public Hearing and Webinar

Two consecutive public hearings will be held for the rule proposal and SIP revision.

##### Date

Tuesday, April 5, 2016  
2:00 p.m.

##### Location

Department of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive  
Lacey, WA 98503

##### Website:

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

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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).*

## What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) and Environmental Checklist under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision.

## Public hearings

Ecology will hold two consecutive hearings to accept comments.

- **Hearing 1** – Rulemaking proposal – comments on the proposed rule amendments
- **Hearing 2** – Immediately following, comments on the proposed SIP revision

### Webinar

Ecology is offering both presentations, Q&A sessions, and public hearings as a webinar. For more information about the webinar and instructions visit:

<https://wadismetings.webex.com/wadismetings/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9dff18b4b8cebe0fe5073e02f22e1c11>

## How to submit your comments

You can submit your comments through April 12, 2016. You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

- Testify or submit written comments at the public hearing.
- Testify through the webinar during the public hearing.
- Email your comments to [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov).
- Mail comments to:  
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- FAX comments to 360-407-7534

## Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments Ecology receives will become part of the official record. We will respond to all comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 34.05 RCW) and is published 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 April 20, 2016.