

SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) Rules, WAC 197-11 WAC

The Department of Ecology is adopting amendments to WAC 197-11, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules.

What is WAC 197-11

SEPA provides a way to identify possible environmental impacts that may result from governmental decisions. SEPA applies to decisions made by every state and local agency within Washington State.

Summary of the rule changes adopted on June 2, 2016.

Chapter 197-11 WAC was amended as directed by the Legislature which required ecology to adopt amendments pursuant to Chapter 144, Laws of 2015 Regular Session (Substitute House Bill No. 1851).

- Creating a SEPA categorical exemption for the replacement of a City, Town or County owned structurally deficient bridge. This new exemption is per the direction of the legislature, (Chapter 144, Laws of 2015 Regular Session SHB 1851).
- Update other minor transportation related categorical exemptions.
- Make other minor clarifications and technical corrections to improve readability.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on SEPA see:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/e-review.html>

For more information on SEPA rule making see:

For more information on the SEPA and to receive regular rule making updates, join the SEPA listserv:

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=ECOLOGY-SEPA-UPDATES>

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Response to Comments

Ecology's response to comments received during the public comment period is now available. Download a copy at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/rules/1509docs.html>

Whom does this rule affect?

This rule affects and applies to decisions by every state and local agency within Washington State, including state agencies, counties, cities, towns, ports, and special districts (such as a school or water district).

More information

State Environmental Policy Act website:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/e-review.html>

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Appeal procedures

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