

Rule Proposal Notice

Water Quality Program **March 2017**

Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to adopt amendments to Chapter 173-224 WAC – Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on March 15, 2017.

What is the purpose of this rule proposal?

The purpose of this rule proposal is to increase annual fees by:

Underpaying Fee Categories		
SFY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)	6.37%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum Alloys • Aluminum and Magnesium Reduction Mills • Aluminum Forming • Aggregate Production (Individual and General Permits) • Aquatic Pest Control • Boatyards (Individual and General Permits) • Coal Mining and Preparation • Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations • Dairies • Iron and Steel • Metal Finishing • Nonferrous Metals Forming • Ore Mining • Private and State Owned Facilities • Shipyards • Stormwater Construction (Individual and General Permits) • Stormwater Industrial (Individual and General Permits) • Stormwater Municipal Phase 1 and 2 Permits
SFY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)	5.58%	
Overpaying Fee Categories		
SFY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)	5.50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquaculture • Combined Industrial Waste Treatment • Combined Food Processing Waste Treatment • Combined Sewer Overflow System • Commercial Laundry • Crop Preparing (Individual and General Permits) • Not Otherwise Classified (Individual and General Permits) • Flavor Extraction • Food Processing • Fuel and Chemical Storage • Hazardous Waste Cleanup Sites • Ink Formulation and Printing • Inorganic Chemicals Manufacturing Noncontact Cooling Water With Additives (Individual and General Permits) • Noncontact Cooling Water Without Additives (Individual and General Permits) • Municipal Wastewater - >250,000 Residential Equivalents • Organic Chemical Manufacturing • Petroleum Refining • Photofinishers • Power and/or Steam Plants • Radioactive Effluents and Discharges • RCRA Corrective Action Sites • Seafood Processing • Solid Waste Sites • Textile Mills • Timber Products • Vegetable/Bulb Washing Facilities • Vehicle Maintenance and Freight Transfer • Water Plants (Individual and General Permits)
SFY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)	4.50%	

MORE INFORMATION

Wastewater /
Stormwater Permit Fee
Website:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wg/permits/permit_fees/index.html

Rule Adopted:

June 28, 2017

Rule Effective:

July 29, 2017

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Accommodation Requests:

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What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS)
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses

To download these documents visit:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ruledev/wac173224/1611ov.html.

Public comment period

You can submit comments on this proposal through April 11, 2017.

You may provide comments in the following ways:

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

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Ecology's response to your comments

All of the responses Ecology receives become part of the official record. Ecology will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedures 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 to your comments.

Expected rule adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no later than June 28, 2017.

