

Appeal of General Permit Coverage



This is a guide to your right of appeal. It is not exclusive and does not have force and effect of state law or regulation.

The appeal of Ecology actions and the process of appeals is governed by:

- ◆ [Chapter 43.21B RCW](#)
- ◆ [Chapter 371-08 WAC](#)

You have the right to appeal coverage to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of your coverage letter.

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What is an appeal?

An appeal is the legal challenge before the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) of an action taken by Ecology because the appealing party does not agree with the action.

What is the appeal of a general permit coverage?

An appeal of a general permit coverage is limited to the applicability or non-applicability of the general permit to the discharge. Put another way, an appealing party may challenge whether Ecology issued the correct type of general permit coverage to a facility that has a discharge.

How do I appeal a general permit coverage?

If you want to appeal a general permit coverage, you must do so within 30-days of notification that Ecology has issued the permit coverage. You may appeal only by filing in writing to the PCHB and Ecology. **E-mail is not accepted for filing appeals.** Your appeal documents must be received before 5:00 PM on the close of the appeal period. The PCHB provides guidance on how to file an appeal and what to expect during the appeal process:

- [Appeal procedures FAQ](#)

Appeal filing address and location information

Appeal documents must be submitted in writing to these addresses:

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<p>Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive Southeast Lacey, WA 98503</p>	<p>Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608</p>
<p>Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road Southwest, Suite 301 Tumwater, WA 98501</p>	<p>Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903</p>