

# 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. Serve a copy of your appeal documents on Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluhu.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Your appeal documents **must be received before 5:00 PM on the close of the appeal period.**

## Appeal filing addresses for Department of Ecology

### In Person

#### Department of Ecology

Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive Southeast  
Lacey, WA 98503

### By Mail

#### Department of Ecology

Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
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