

Appeal of the General Permit



More information

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

Contact information

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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 an appeal of general permit conditions?

An appeal of general permit conditions (the permit content) is a challenge to the decisions Ecology made when developing the permit regarding how and to what extent to control discharges to waters of the State.

How do I appeal general permit conditions?

If you want to appeal general permit conditions, you must do so within 30 days of issuance of the general permit or receipt of notification that Ecology has issued the general permit.

You may appeal only by filing in writing to the PCHB and Ecology.

Ecology does not accept appeal filings via e-mail. The 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](#)²

² <https://elaho.wa.gov/faq/7>

Appeal filing address and location information

Appeal documents must be submitted in writing to these addresses:

Street Addresses

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

Pollution Control Hearings Board
1111 Israel Road Southwest,
Suite 301
Tumwater, WA 98501

Mailing Addresses

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

Pollution Control Hearings Board
PO Box 40903
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

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

- [Chapter 43.21B RCW](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=43.21b&full=true)¹
- [Chapter 371-08 WAC](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=371-08)²

¹ <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=43.21b&full=true>

² <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=371-08>