

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

Water Quality Program

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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. 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://eluhw.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 address for Department of Ecology

Appeal documents must be submitted in writing to these addresses:

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 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Email	ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

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

- [Chapter 43.21B RCW](#)¹
- [Chapter 371-08 WAC](#)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>