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# **Rule Implementation Plan**

## **Chapter 173-430 WAC**

### **Agricultural Burning**

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## **Purpose**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides the information in this implementation plan to meet agency and Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.328) requirements related to rule adoptions.

## **Introduction**

On April 12, 2019, Ecology adopted amendments to Chapter 173-430 WAC Agricultural Burning AO # 18-08. The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with 173-430 about how Ecology intends to:

- Implement and enforce the rule.
- Inform and educate persons affected by the rule.
- Promote and assist voluntary compliance for the rule.
- Evaluate the rule.
- Train and inform Ecology staff about the new or amended rule.

Also included in this plan is information about:

- Writing or revising supporting documents due to the new rule or amended rule.
- Other resources where more information about the rule is available.
- Contact information for Ecology employees who can answer questions about the rule implementation.

## **Implementation and Enforcement**

Ecology, delegated permitting authorities, and local air agencies will implement and enforce this rule. The program distribution list for this rule making includes staff from the agencies that already implement and permit the standards in this rule. Since the standards in this rule are already being implemented, no additional staff resources are needed to implement and enforce this rule.

## **Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule**

To help inform and educate the affected persons, Ecology is doing or has done the following: Sent notices to the Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force, the delegated permitting authorities, and recent permittees.

Ecology will post the final rule on the internet for public access.

The public will be informed and educated when they contact Ecology.

## **Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance**

The actions mentioned above to inform and educate affected persons on the changes also help to promote voluntary compliance. Program staff is available to respond to stakeholder phone and email inquiries.

## **Evaluating the Rule**

The changes made in this rule making are very minor, with the changes reflecting actions already in place. Ecology does not intend to evaluate the efficacy of this rule.

## **Training and Informing Ecology Staff**

Ecology program staff will continue to network with other staff at delegated permitting authorities and in local air agencies as needed.

## **List of Supporting Documents that May Need to be Written or Revised**

Ecology's agricultural burning web page will be revised on April 19, 2019 by Kari Johnson. The revision will link to the updated 173-430 rule language.

## **More Information**

Rule-making documents are available at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC173-430>.

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