



# **Rule Implementation Plan**

## **Chapter 173-04 WAC Practice and Procedure**

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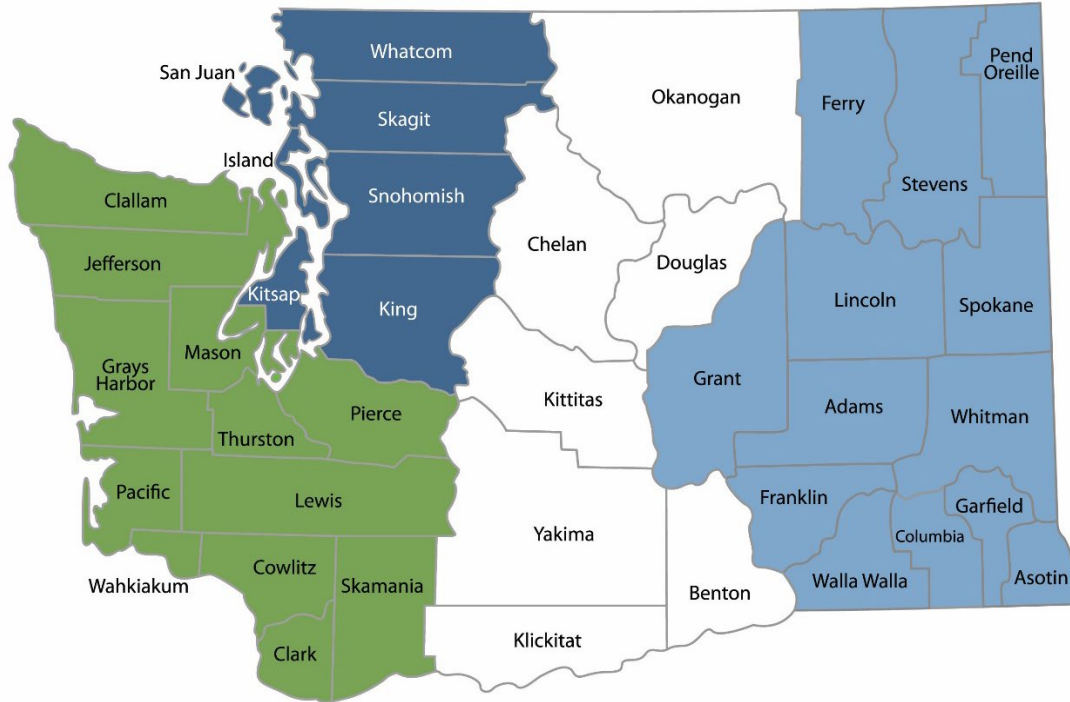
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Region	Counties served	Mailing Address	Phone
<b>Southwest</b>	Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum	PO Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504	360-407-6300
<b>Northwest</b>	Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom	PO Box 330316 Shoreline, WA 98133	206-594-0000
<b>Central</b>	Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima	1250 W Alder St Union Gap, WA 98903	509-575-2490
<b>Eastern</b>	Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman	4601 N Monroe Spokane, WA 99205	509-329-3400
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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On June 25, 2021 Ecology repealed chapter 173-04 WAC Practice and Procedure (AO # 20-03). The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with WAC 173-04 about how Ecology intends to:

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

Also included in this plan is information about:

- Supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of the rule repeal.
- Other resources where more information about the rule repeal is available.
- Contact information for Ecology employees who can answer questions about the rule repeal implementation.

## Implementation and Enforcement

Ecology will implement this rule repeal through communication between the Ecology Appeals Processing desk lead and:

- The clerks and subject matter experts at the Pollution Control Hearings Board.
- Ecology's Enforcement Coordination Team, enforcement staff, and other appeals leads throughout the agency.
- There is no enforcement related to this rule repeal.

## Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule

Ecology will distribute a rule repeal announcement through our rulemaking listserv which delivers information about all Ecology rulemakings and filings with the Office of the Code Reviser. Ecology's rulemaking webpage for this repeal will remain online for a minimum of two years.

## Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance

Promoting and assisting voluntary compliance does not apply to this rule repeal. Ecology has determined there are more current laws and rules that have replaced this chapter.

## Evaluating the Rule

Evaluating the rule does not apply as this rule is being repealed because more current laws and rules have replaced this chapter.

## Training and Informing Ecology Staff

There is no training needed for this rule repeal. The Appeals Processing Desk lead has informed the Enforcement Coordination Team, enforcement staff, other appeals leads throughout the agency of the rule repeal.

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

There are no existing documents identified that need to be written or revised as a result of the rule repeal.

## More Information

- Ecology's rulemaking webpage: Repealing chapter 173-04 WAC, Practice and Procedure<sup>2</sup>
- Pollution Control Hearings Board webpage: Appeal process and Procedural Assistance<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-04>

<sup>3</sup> [https://cluho.wa.gov/Global/Reader?title=PCHB Appeal Process&path=Procedure\\_FAQ\\_PCHB](https://cluho.wa.gov/Global/Reader?title=PCHB%20Appeal%20Process&path=Procedure_FAQ_PCHB)