

Rule Adoption Notice

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Rule adoption and effective dates

Ecology expects to adopt
this rule on **June 22, 2021**.
The rule is effective on July
23, 2021

The Washington Department of Ecology has adopted amendments to Chapter 173-224 WAC, Water Quality Permit Fees that requires Ecology to establish, by rule, annual fees to recover the cost of administering the wastewater and stormwater permit programs.

We adopted rule amendments that include: 1) rollover of Fiscal Year 2021 fee amounts for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, 2) a new fee category for the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit, 3) creation of subcategories for the Vessel Deconstruction fee category, and 4) technical changes. The final rule language clarifies in WAC 173-224-040 (3) (h) Ecology's legal limitation on assessing a fee against municipal wastewater facilities in excess of the statutory cap in RCW 90.48.465 (2). This rule amendment affects all water quality permittees.

View the final rule documents

The following documents are now available:

- Adopted rule language:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/1910AdoptLanguage>
- Final Regulatory Analyses:
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summarypages/2110019.html>
- CR-103 form: <https://ecology.wa.gov/1910AdoptNotice>

To download these documents visit our webpage:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/WQFeeRule>.

You can also request to view these documents as hard copies by emailing: wqfee_unit@ecy.wa.gov.

Response to Public Comments

We held a public comment period from March 16, 2021 to May 4, 2021. A public hearing was held on April 27, 2021 to explain the proposed changes to the rule and accept oral comments. Ecology's response to comments received during the public comment period is now available. Download a copy at:
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Appeal Procedures

This adoption can be appealed under procedures described in the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05), including those found in RCW 34.05.330.

Adopted Water Quality Permit Fee Rule

Ecology adopted amendments to chapter 173-224 WAC – Water Quality Permit Fees
<https://ecology.wa.gov/WQFeeRule>.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a permit fee system for state waste discharge and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued by Ecology pursuant to RCW 90.48.160, 90.48.162, or 90.48.260.



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Brief Translations

Chinese

華盛頓州生態管理署採用了一項修改的規則，WAC 第 173-224 章：水質許可費(Water Quality Permit Fees)。該規則可收回“水質許可部門”管理相關的費用。

該規則更新了 2022 到 2023 兩年期間的水質許可收費表，來保證收回“水質許可部門”管理相關的費用。

欲了解更多信息或需要翻譯員服務，請致電 Ligeia Heagy at 360-280-3697

Korean

주 환경부는 수질허가수수료에 관한 개정된 규칙 Chapter 173-224 WAC (Water Quality Permit Fees) 을 채택하였습니다.

이 규칙으로 인해 2022-2023, 2 년간 수질허가국 운영비를 확보해줄 수질허가수수료가 갱신됩니다.

보다 많은 정보를 위해서는 담당자 (Ligeia Heagy, 360-280-3697) 에게 연락하여 통역을 요청하세요.

Spanish

El Departamento de Ecología adoptó el reglamento enmendado, el Capítulo 173-224 del WAC Cuotas del Permiso de Calidad del Agua (Cuotas del Permiso de Calidad del Agua). Esta regla actualiza el programa de tarifas de permisos de calidad del agua para el bienio 2022-2021 para garantizar la recuperación de los costos asociados con la administración del Programa de Permisos de Calidad del Agua.

Para más información, comuníquese con Ligeia Heagy al 360-280-3697 y solicite un intérprete.

Vietnamese

Bộ Môi Sinh đã phê chuẩn việc sửa đổi luật cho Chương 173-224 WAC Phí Giấy Phép Chất Lượng Nước (Water Quality Permit Fees). Luật này cập nhật Phí Giấy Phép Chất Lượng Nước cho hai năm 2022-2023 để đảm bảo cho việc thu hồi bù đắp các chi phí liên quan đến việc quản lý Chương Trình Giấy Phép Chất Lượng Nước.

Để biết thêm thông tin hoặc cần thông dịch viên, vui lòng gọi Ligeia Heagy theo số 360-280-3697.

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