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**Washington Cap-and-Invest Program**  
**2024 Annual Allowance Price Containment Reserve**  
**Tier Price and Price Ceiling Unit Price Notice**

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**Allowance Price Containment Reserve Summary**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will offer sales of allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve (APCR) in three cases. First, in the quarter following any quarter in which the auction settlement price was at or above the Tier 1 price listed in Table 1, below. Second, an APCR auction will be held when new covered or opt-in entities enter the program, and when allowances from the Emissions Containment Reserve account are exhausted. Third, an APCR auction will be offered before each annual compliance deadline.

APCR auction tier prices are defined by Ecology in accordance with chapter 173-446-370 WAC. In December of each year, tier prices are increased by five percent plus the rate of inflation as measured by the nationwide Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers identified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI-U). For 2024, the previous year reserve tier prices, adjustment factor, and adjusted tier prices are displayed in Table 1, below.

**Table 1. 2024 Reserve Tier Prices**

Reserve Tier	2023 Tier Prices	Adjustment Factor*	2024 Tier Prices
Tier 1	\$51.90	8.2%	\$56.16
Tier 2	\$66.68	8.2%	\$72.15

\*The adjustment factor is determined by adding five percent plus the rate of inflation as measured by the most recently available 12 months of the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as of the first business day in December 2023. The CPI-U is 3.2%.

**APCR auction Information**

APCR auctions follow the same procedures as quarterly auctions, except that purchase limits do not apply and bids are only placed at set tier prices. Conditions for an APCR auction are described in the summary above. As with quarterly auctions, a APCR Auction Notice will be released at least 60 days prior to each APCR auction. Additional background information, instructions, examples, and other resources related to APCR auction will be available on [Ecology's Cap-and-Invest Auctions and Market webpage](#).

## Price Ceiling Unit Price

A price ceiling unit is a compliance instrument issued by Ecology at a fixed price.

The price ceiling unit price is defined by Ecology and released annually in accordance with chapter 173-446-335 WAC. In December of each year, the annual price ceiling unit price is increased by five percent plus the rate of inflation as measured by the nationwide Consumer Price Index identified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI-U).

For 2024, the previous year ceiling price, adjustment factor, and adjusted price ceiling unit price is displayed in Table 2, below.

**Table 2. 2024 Annual Price Ceiling Unit Price Calculation**

2023 Price Ceiling Unit Price	Adjustment Factor*	2024 Price Ceiling Unit Price
\$81.47	8.2%	\$88.15

\*The adjustment factor is determined by adding five percent plus the rate of inflation as measured by the most recently available 12 months of the consumer price index for all urban consumers as of the first business day in December 2023. The CPI-U is 3.2%.

## Price Ceiling Unit Sale Information

If no allowances remain in the APCR, Ecology shall issue price ceiling units for sale. Price Ceiling Sales will take place immediately prior to the *final compliance deadline* for each four-year compliance period and are open only to covered entities that do not have sufficient eligible compliance instruments to meet their compliance obligations for the given period. These covered entities may purchase only the number of price ceiling units necessary to meet their compliance obligations for the upcoming compliance deadline. After a sale, Ecology will transfer purchased price ceiling units directly to each purchaser's compliance account for immediate retirement at the upcoming compliance deadline.

## Contact Information

For further information about this Annual Allowance Price Containment Reserve and Price Ceiling Notice or about participation in 2024 APCR Auctions, please contact:

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