

# Climate Rulemaking Overview

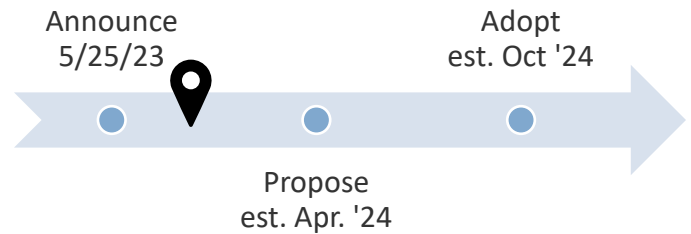
Climate Commitment Act (CCA) rules at Ecology



## CCA Funds Reporting (WAC-446B)

This rule will establish reporting requirements for direct recipients of cap-and-invest auction revenue (usually state agencies), so Ecology can complete annual reports to the legislature.

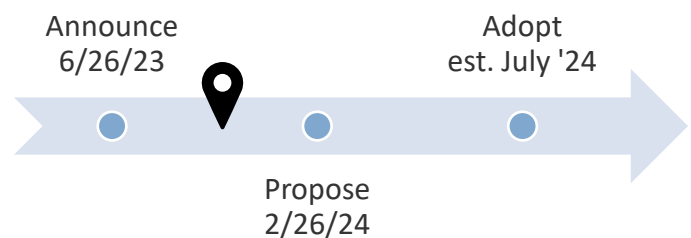
**Current phase:** Public input, developing rule language



## Electricity Markets (WAC-441 & 446)

This rule will identify and establish compliance obligations for entities who import electricity into Washington from centralized electricity markets.

**Current phase:** Public input, developing rule language



## Allowance Price Containment Reserve (APCR) (WAC-446 APCR)

This rule clarifies aspects of allowances sold during APCR auctions, specifically that they have holding limits and must be deposited directly into compliance accounts. An emergency rule is in effect now as the permanent rule is being developed.

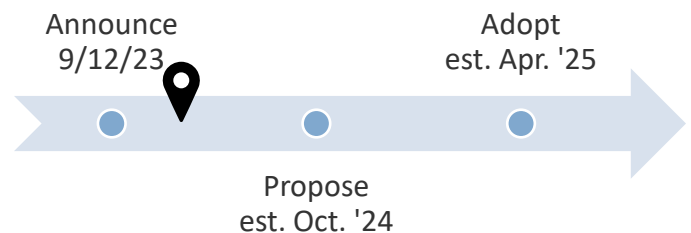
**Current phase:** Emergency rules adopted  
Permanent rule proposed



## Cap-and-Invest Offsets (WAC-446 Offsets)

This rulemaking will update previously adopted cap-and-invest program offset protocols and may consider adopting new ones.

**Current phase:** Public input, developing rule language



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## Rulemaking Process 101

### What is a rule?

Ecology makes rules to protect the environment and public health. Rules help people understand how to follow state laws. When rules are adopted, they become part of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Ecology has authority in statute to create rules; the legislature can also pass laws that require us to do rulemaking.

### Rulemaking milestones

**Announcement:** A rulemaking begins when the agency files an announcement. After announcing the beginning of a rulemaking, the agency begins developing draft rule language with input from the public and consultation from Tribes. At this time, Ecology may host public meetings and informal comment periods.

**Proposal:** After rule development is complete, Ecology proposes draft rule language and opens a public comment period. Comments are collected

online and at formal hearings. During the proposal phase, the public can provide comments on the draft rule language and other supporting documents, which could include:

- An economic regulatory analysis and/or Small Business Economic Impact Statement
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) documentation, which may identify and analyze associated environmental impacts
- Environmental Justice Assessment in accordance with the HEAL act

**Adoption:** Once the public comment period and hearings are complete, the comments are considered and the rule language is finalized. Ecology's director will approve the adoption of the rule, which typically becomes effective 31 days after the adoption. When adopting a rule, the agency responds to formal comments in a Concise Explanatory Statement, and provides a final regulatory analysis and implementation plan.

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### Español (Spanish)

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