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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 October 16, 2025, Ecology adopted amendments to Chapter 173-423 WAC, Clean Vehicles Program (AO # 24-07). The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with Chapter 173-423 WAC 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:

- Supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of 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 has a team dedicated to the implementation and enforcement of the Clean Vehicles Program. This team includes the Zero-Emission Vehicle Specialist and the Mobile Source Air Quality Specialist. This team will communicate with OEMs, including secondary manufacturers, about the amendments and how they impact their compliance, including providing materials for reporting. This team will also work with the California Air Resources Board to ensure that that ACTRS platform and Omnibus materials reflect the changes in the amendments.

In response to recent federal actions, Ecology has paused enforcement of our motor vehicle emission standards, including the implementation of the amendments of this rulemaking. The length of the pause varies depending on the program. Enforcement of Advanced Clean Trucks is currently paused through May 6, 2026. Enforcement of Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus is currently paused through the end of model year 2026, or December 31, 2026. However, once resumed, Ecology will continue to provide guidance on the implementation and enforcement of the Clean Vehicles Program through our email lists and Ecology webpages.

Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule

Throughout the rulemaking process, Ecology has taken the following actions to help inform interested persons:

- Emailed notices to the Clean Vehicles Program email list, the Air Quality Program general distribution list on rules and statewide plans email list, and the WACTrack email list
- Sent out public notices and issued a press release
- Sent out letters to Tribal Governments
- Posted information on Ecology's Clean Vehicles Program rulemaking website
- Held public meetings, including:
 - Public information session on December 10, 2024
 - Community forum on January 29, 2025
 - Industry focused public meeting on January 30, 2025
 - Public information session on February 3, 2025
- Held two public hearings via webinar
- Held meetings with interested parties upon request

Audiences interested in or affected by this rule include:

- Truck drivers and operators
- Vehicle manufacturers and related trade groups
- Vehicle dealers and related trade groups
- Electric utilities
- Environmental and clean energy public interest groups
- Fuel producers and fuel suppliers
- Environmental justice proponents
- Electric vehicle charging equipment manufacturers, service providers, and related businesses
- Hydrogen producers, refueling equipment manufacturers, service providers, and related businesses
- Business associations

- Fleet managers

Ecology will continue to inform and educate these audiences in the following ways:

- Send email notices through the Clean Vehicles Program email list
- Keep rulemaking information and documents posted on the rulemaking website for at least two years following the rule's adoption
- Update and maintain the zero emission vehicles webpage
- Hold meetings with interested parties as necessary

Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance

The actions mentioned above that inform and educate interested parties also help promote voluntary compliance. Several other activities have proven useful in promoting voluntary compliance, such as:

- Posting the regulations and implementation plan on the rulemaking webpage.
- Availability of Ecology staff to answer technical assistance questions from interested parties. Involving staff responsible for implementing this rule in the development of the adopted rule.

Ecology will provide necessary information to those regulated by Chapter 173-423 WAC via the Clean Vehicles Program email list and the relevant Ecology webpages. Ecology will update the zero emission vehicles web page to help manufacturers and vehicle dealers understand and meet the ZEV rules by providing the following information:

- Yearly ZEV reports with electric vehicle sales and credit data within Washington
- Automakers' annual compliance status
- Other helpful information to facilitate increasing the sales of electric vehicles and other ZEVs

Ecology also plans to host informal dialogue sessions on clean transportation issues in fall 2025 that will offer time to speak on this rulemaking but are scoped to include clean transportation issues broadly.

Evaluating the Rule

Ecology will routinely evaluate the rule to ensure that MHDVs are helping the state meet its greenhouse gas reduction limits while also meeting the regulated communities needs. Ecology will monitor the impacts of the rule. To evaluate the effectiveness of the rule, Ecology will do the following:

- Work closely with regulated entities and the California Air Resources Board, who promulgated the original rules and amendments
- Conduct rulemaking as necessary to maintain alignment with California's motor vehicle emissions standards, as required by [RCW 70A.30.010](#)

Training and Informing Ecology Staff

Ecology has a team devoted to the implementation and enforcement of the Clean Vehicles Program. The staff responsible for implementing this rule have been involved in the development of the adopted rule. Ecology will hold staff trainings, use staff meetings, section meetings, and the agency website to train and inform any additional agency staff as needed.

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

Ecology has not identified any supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of the rule amendments adopted in this rulemaking.

More Information

Chapter 173-423 WAC rulemaking webpage: <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/laws-rules-rulemaking/rulemaking/wac-173-423>

Ecology's vehicles emissions standards webpage: <https://ecology.wa.gov/air-climate/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions/vehicle-emissions-standards>

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