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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE ADOPTION OF
Chapter 173-400 WAC,
General Regulation for Air Pollution Sources

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1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use. (RCW 34.05.328(3)(a))

The rule changes are mostly procedural in nature. We will put the new procedures in place as we review and approve new sources or modifications to existing sources.

2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule. (RCW 34.05.328(3)(b))

There are several major audiences for this rule. One of these is the PSD sources. These are the same sources as the Air Operating Permit (AOP) sources. The applicability for these two programs overlap. Therefore Ecology will create a notice in the AOP Permit Register that will notify the 500+ persons and entities that read that publication, that the PSD rules have now been adapted into the state rule. Another audience is the sources that are regulated by the local air authorities. We have and will continue to train these local authorities on the new rule. We have already provided training at a quarterly Permit Engineer's Meeting. Ecology will also provide a training at each regional office and local agency on how these rule amendments will affect their permitting activities. Citizens will learn the new process when it becomes important to them. Since New Source Review is a periodic activity for most businesses, they learn about it each time they build or modify a new source. Their local permitting authority will be an expert on the new rule amendments after we provide the training. Ecology staff who participated in the rule development will remain available for consultation.

3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule. (RCW 34.05.328(3)(c))

Voluntary compliance with the rule is ensured when sources consult with the permitting authorities when seeking approval of their new or modified sources.

4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted, including to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcome (RCW 34.05.328(3)(d)).

Since most of the rule amendments are procedural in nature the implementation will be immediate. The training of permitting staff mentioned above will provide for this.

5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.

As stated above we will be training staff on implementation of the changes to the rule.

6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or Identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.

None