



# Rule Adoption Notice

## Chapter 173-224 WAC - Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees

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## Requirements of the rule

The Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee rule establishes annual permit fees for holders of wastewater and/or stormwater discharge permits. Fees collected pay for operation of the Ecology Waste Discharge Permit Program.

## Summary of the rule changes adopted on May 30, 2006

Fees for all permit holders have been increased by: 3.38 percent for Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) and 5.49 percent for Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008).

The current fee category for Aquatic Pest Control was restructured to create a new fee subcategory for Invasive Moth Control. The Noxious and Nuisance Weed Control subcategories were combined to become the Aquatic Species Control and Eradication subcategory. This occurred because Ecology has recently issued one permit to manage both noxious and nuisance weed control and decided that one fee for the one permit coverage was more appropriate.

In response to comments received by the public, the flat fee for municipal, separate, storm sewer system permits for other entities was restructured into a tiered structure containing five subcategories of fees.

## Effective

This amendment to Chapter 173-224 WAC becomes effective on July 1, 2006.

## Appeals procedures

This adoption can be appealed under procedures described in the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.330). For additional information about appealing this adoption please contact Jerry Thielen, Ecology's Regulatory Affairs Manager at 360-407-7551 or by e-mail at [jthi461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jthi461@ecy.wa.gov).

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