



Rule Proposal Notice

Electronic Product Recycling Program, WAC 173-900 Dangerous Waste Regulations, WAC 173-303

Comment Period

Ecology is seeking comments on the rule proposal for the Electronic Product Recycling Program:

**By 5:00 PM
August 30, 2007**

Rule Proposal filed:

July 12, 2007

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Rule language is now available for comment.

Starting July 12, 2007, the Department of Ecology is accepting comments on a rule proposal affecting the Electronic Product Recycling Program WAC 173-900 and Dangerous Waste Regulations WAC 173-303. The formal comment period ends August 30, 2007.

A SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS), a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS), and a preliminary cost-benefit analysis on this proposal are also available for comment at this time. Comments are also due by 5:00 PM on August 30, 2007.

To download a copy of the rule and other related documents go to <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/wac173900.html>.

Summary of the proposed rule amendments:

The rule proposal includes the following amendments to WAC 173-900:

- Electronic Product Recycling Plan content and submission requirements.
- Performance standards for electronic product processors used directly by plan operators, collectors, and transporters.
- Recycling service-level standards.
- Reporting processes and requirements for plan operators, local governments, local communities, processors, collectors, and transporters.
- Registration process and requirements for processors;
- Collector standards.
- Process for establishing return share and equivalent share of responsibility for manufacturers.
- A sampling methodology to be used by all plan operators to provide Ecology data to establish return shares.
- Requirements for the Materials Management and Finance Authority.
- Warnings, penalties, and violations associated with these requirements.
- Other requirements necessary to implement Chapter 70.95N RCW.

The rule proposal includes the following amendment to WAC 173-303:

- An exemption for cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in televisions and monitors from chapter 173-303 WAC if the requirements are met.

When are the public hearings?

August 21, 2007

1:30 PM

WA State Dept. of Labor and Industries
15 West Yakima Ave. Suite 100
Yakima, WA

August 23, 2007

1:30 PM

WA State Dept. of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 - 160th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA

Prior to the public hearing Ecology staff will hold a question-and-answer session about the rule proposal and the Electronic Product Recycling Program.

When is the comment period, and how can I submit comments?

Ecology is accepting comments on this rule proposal through **5:00 PM on August 30, 2007**.

Please submit written comments to the following address:

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Electronic comment form: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/rul_commentsFORM.html

You may also submit comments, both verbal and written, at one of the public hearings.

For more information online visit:

Electronic Product Recycling Program information:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/>

Email Updates: Sign up to receive updates on the Electronic Product Recycling Program.

<http://listserv.wa.gov/archives/wa-recycles-electronics.html>

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