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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.**

All the changes that were made on this rule incorporate requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and EPA guidance. Implementation and enforcement of the rule will occur through the normal application process and award of loans through the State Revolving Fund program.

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.**

Affected persons have already been informed of the new rule through the Financial Advisory Council, the State Register, e-mails to interested parties, and through Ecology's website. Going forward, Ecology will notify the public of any related activity through its website and e-mails to interested party list.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule.**

Since the changes deal with procedures for applying for loan applications and issuance of loans, voluntary compliance is all that we experience. We will provide guidance on the new rule provisions to the loan recipients during this funding cycle. The rule will provide the framework to administer additional funds to applicants during the existing application process.

- 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.**

This is a rule that deals with loan applications and issuance of loans. The measure to assess if the rule is achieving the purpose for which it was intended corresponds to the requirements in the EPA guidance, a maximum of 50 percent of the funds are allocated to forgivable principal loans and a minimum of 20 percent of funds are allocated to green project reserves.

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

A copy of the final rule will be distributed to all affected staff in the Financial Management Section of the Water Quality Program with a notice of the changes that have been made. Guidance on the final rule will be provided to recipients of loans during this funding cycle as well.

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.

Documents that may need to be revised because of the rule include the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund:

- Program guidance