

## **General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources (Chapter 173-400 WAC)**

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is adopting amendments to Chapter 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources. Ecology is also updating the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

### **What is Chapter 173-400 WAC?**

Chapter 173-400 affects a broad range of facilities and industries. It regulates:

- Criteria pollutants. Examples are fine particles and sulfur dioxide.
- Hazardous air pollutants. An example is greenhouse gases.
- Toxic air pollutants. Examples are benzene from gasoline and heavy metals.

### **Summary of the rule changes adopted on November 28, 2012**

- Make the rule consistent with requirements in the Federal Clean Air Act.
- Support Ecology's request for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions.
- Amend the rule sections related to permits for industrial and commercial sources of air pollution including minor new source review and major new source review (Prevention of Significant Deterioration).

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### **What is the purpose of the rule proposal?**

The purpose of this rule proposal is to:

- Amend the rule sections related to permits for industrial and commercial sources of air pollution, including minor new source review and major new source review (Prevention of Significant Deterioration), to make them consistent with Federal Clean Air Act requirements.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

##### **On the Web:**

Revision of Air Quality Program rules, Chapter 173-400 WAC:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173400/1110.html>

##### **Air emission permits for business and industry:**

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/permit\\_register/NewPermitsPage.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/permit_register/NewPermitsPage.html)

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# Rule Adoption Notice

- Support Ecology's request for EPA approval of SIP revisions.
- Help emitters comply with the rule through better access to references, improved readability, and better understanding of regulations and permitting requirements.

## What is the purpose of the SIP revision?

The purpose of the SIP revision is to meet Federal Clean Air Act requirements, including the requirements of Section 110, Part C and Part D. At this time, no sections are being considered for SIP submittal. Ecology plans to submit sections of Chapter 173-400 WAC to EPA for SIP approval in the future.

## Response to Comments

Ecology's response to comments received during the public comment period is now available. Download a copy at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173400/1110.html>.

## Whom does this rule affect?

It affects a broad range of industries and facilities, including commercial and industrial businesses that emit criteria pollutants and toxic air pollutants as defined in Chapter 173-400 WAC and Chapter 173-460 WAC.

## More information

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## Appeal procedures

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