

Dangerous Waste Regulations (Chapter 173-303 Washington Administrative Code)

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments to the Dangerous Waste Regulations. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on September 3, 2014.

One purpose of this rule proposal is to update the dangerous waste regulations to be current with the federal hazardous waste program. Amendments will be made to incorporate several federal hazardous waste regulations, including a new rule simplifying waste management at university and college laboratories, changes to import/export rules, incorporating corrections to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hazardous waste regulations, and a few other new, minor federal rules.

We are also proposing some state-initiated changes, including many technical and editorial corrections and clarifications. Other significant changes include:

- Establishing a thirty-day time limit for special wastes held at solid waste transfer stations.
- Clarify that an independent professional engineer must be used for regulatory certifications.
- Changes to existing financial assurance rules and proposing new rules for financial assurance at corrective action sites.
- Adopting a federal rule that allows use of enforceable documents in place of a post closure permit.
- Deleting a public disclosure rule that conflicts with state statute.

Ecology is also proposing changes to the Chemical Test Methods Guidance for designation of halogenated organic compounds.

The following documents are now available for review and comment. Please review the proposed rule language and rule preamble summary for the complete set of proposed changes:

- Proposed rule language
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS)
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses
- Chemical Test Methods Guidance

To download these and other background documents visit:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/laws_rules/DWRRuleMaking.html

Submit Comments

**Comment period ends
October 1, 2014**

Submit your formal comments in the following ways:

- Submit comments at public hearing. (Testify in-person or through a webinar)
- Use the Comment form available on our website at:
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/laws_rules/DWRuleMaking.html.
- Email your comments to:
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Public hearing is scheduled

A public hearing with simultaneous webinar:

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014
starting at 2 pm.**

You can also attend the hearing in person at:

Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Telephone 360- 407-6000



Ecology will accept comments at this hearing and through the webinar. A webinar is an online meeting forum that you can join from any computer using internet access. To participate and provide comments through the webinar, you also need to have a phone or a computer with phone modem capability. For more information about the webinar and instructions on how to join and participate, visit:

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Ecology's response to your comments

All comments received will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than December 2014.