

Permit, License, Certification, and ID Card Catalog

Department of Ecology

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401 Water Quality Certification

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1042

Description

Any applicant for a Federal license or permit to conduct any activity which may result in any discharge into waters of the United States, shall provide the federal permitting agency a Section 401 water quality certification from the certifying authority. No license or permit shall be granted by the federal agency until the certification has been obtained.

The Section 401 Water Quality Certification certifies that activities authorized by the federal permits or license will meet state water quality standards.

Legal authority

RCW 90.48, WAC 173-200WAC 173-201AWAC 173-204WAC 173-225

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification WA State Department of Ecology' is online at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070640.html> Submit the applications to: ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Application Information Requirements-Status of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination and/or exemption

-Project location map and drawings -Best management practices (BMPs) -Construction methodologies *Requirements for In-Water Work-Water quality monitoring plan or Water Quality Monitoring Protection Plan --Aquatic resource avoidance and minimization identified (e.g. eelgrass) --Riparian revegetation, restoration, and management measures

*Requirements for Work in Wetlands-Wetland delineation report with data sheets --Wetland ratings --Wetland mitigation plan, including avoidance and minimization measures, for wetland, stream, and/or other aquatic resources --Riparian planting and monitoring and measures-Other information may be required by project type or when identified as needed by Ecology1. The Project Proponent requests a pre-filing meeting.

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070638.html>2. Ecology reviews and acknowledges pre-filing meeting and schedules meeting if needed.3. Ecology coordinates with federal permitting agency.4. Project Proponent submits request for Water Quality Certification.5. Ecology initiates review of the request and supporting information.6. Ecology issues a public notice or works with the Army Corp of Engineers (Corps) on Joint public notice.7. Ecology coordinates with programs within Ecology and other state agencies and Tribes. 8. Ensure State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is complete, if required.9. Ecology issues Water Quality Certification Decision.10. Decision can be appealed within 30 days to the Pollution Control Hearings Board – Outside of Ecology's control.11. Environmental Protection Agency conducts Section 401 a neighboring jurisdiction – Outside of Ecology's control12. Water Quality Certification becomes part of the federal permit – Outside of Ecology's control

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Obtain the associated federal permit

Submittal process:

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology, or Tribes with TAS are required to make a decision within the “reasonable period of time” allotted by the federal agency of up to a maximum of one year. Certification decision options are to grant, grant with conditions, deny, or waive certification on any project receiving a federal permit, approval, or license.

Valid duration:

The duration of the Section 401 Certification: Non-hydro power typically 5-10 years or aligns with the expiration of the federal permit or license. Hydro Power can be up to 50 years and EPA NPDES are generally 5-years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. “Date of receipt” is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

194

Average processing time (all):

117

Average processing time (completed):

110

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

265

Legal processing time:

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (1-year statutory) 40 CFR 121 (default 6-month reasonable period of time with possible extension not to exceed 1-year) WAC 173-225-030 public notice timeframe

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

83

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

401-NPDES Non-hydro Certification

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1100

Description

This certification ensures federal NPDES permits meet Washington state's WQ standards for discharges to surface waters in Washington state from federally permitted facilities. This is a coordinated effort with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 RCWWAC 173-225

Equity considerations:

See cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

See <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/permits-certifications/401-water-quality-certification/non-hydropower-401-certifications> for how to request a 401-NPDES Non-hydro Certification.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

See the application for requirements: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070640.html>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your application, Ecology will consider the laws and rules that apply and the contents of your application. In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30-day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and consider them when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

To request a 401 Water Quality Certification: Before submitting a Section 401 certification request, please request a pre-filing meeting with Ecology at least 30 days beforehand. We have developed a pre-filing request form to assist applicants. At least

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2023

Review/Approval time:

Project review is often a collaborative process between Ecology, the federal permitting agency, and the applicant. We will work with the applicant and applicable permitting agencies to make sure application information is adequate and, if needed, mitigation is proposed. We review projects for reasonable assurance that they will meet state water quality standards, coastal resource protection requirements, fish and wildlife habitat standards, and other applicable regulations. A public notice may be issued jointly by both Ecology and the federal agency issuing the permit or license; otherwise we will issue a separate public notice for the project.

Valid duration:

5 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

"Clean Water Act states that a certifying authority must act on a certification request from an applicant within a "reasonable period of time (which shall not exceed one year)" from receipt of the request. [33 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1)]FERC rule adoption of t

Streamlining opportunities:

None

Pending applications:

Explanation:

Backlog applications:

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

365

Air Operating Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1085

Description

An air operating permit is a master document that lists all of the air pollution requirements that apply to a business or industry. The purpose of the Air Operating Permit is to safeguard public health and the environment by improving compliance and controlling air pollution.

Legal authority

RCW 70A.15.2260 WAC 173-401

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/1905

Comment:

Annual fees vary from \$20,000 - \$140,000 depending on the complexity of the source, air contaminant emissions, and the total number of Air Operating Permit sources in Washington. At the end of each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), we prepare an annual report summarizing air operating permit program work and fees. Find the current fees under Budget and Fees on the Ecology Air operating permit web page. <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/permits-certifications/air-quality-permits/air-operating-permit>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 70A.15.2260

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-401-900>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called "Air Operating Permit Application" is online and can be accessed at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/94175.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

See page 24 of the application for a list of required attachments. Process flow chart:

https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Air-Operating-Permit-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If the Department of Ecology issues the permit, submit the application to the address on the application. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, follow the instructions on their application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

At least six months, but not more than 18 months.

Valid duration:

5 Years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of

receipt” is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

3

Average processing time (all):

385

Average processing time (completed):

325

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

575

Legal processing time:

"Application completeness determination w/i 60 days; draft permit issued w/i 180 days; final action taken w/i 18 months).

Prominent newspaper advertisement; notice to interested parties; min. of 30 day comment period including prominent advertising"

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes:

Pending applications:

11

Backlog applications:

8

Explanation:

Backlog = still processing permits beyond allotted 180 days

Air Quality Notice of Construction (NOC)

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1098

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues a Notice of Construction (NOC) permit to businesses to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. An NOC permit limits the amount of air pollutants a business can emit. This permit is sometimes called a "pre-construction permit" because you must have one before you start construction or operate your business.

Legal authority

RCW 70A.15.2210

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Jul-23

Comment:

Fees range from \$395 for 3 hours of review to \$12,614 for 106 hours of review paid up front before processing the application; additional \$119/hour for extra time needed to complete the permit which must be paid before we will issue the permit.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-040<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-040>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Notice of Construction Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070410.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Process flow chart

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions. Before Ecology can approve an NOC permit, your project must go through the State Environmental Policy Act review process.

Submittal process:

If your project is located in Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Stevens, Walla Walla or Whitman County, send your application permits to: Washington

Application/Submittal last updated:

Mar-20

Review/Approval time:

Review time depends on how complete the application is and the type and complexity of the project. Generally, Ecology takes two to six months to issue a final permit. Within 30 days of receiving your application, Ecology will notify you if you must submit additional information. Ecology will issue a draft permit decision within 60 days of determining the application is complete. All permit applications require a 15-day web notice. If a formal public comment period is required or requested, the draft permit decision will undergo a 30-day comment period. Ecology will issue a final NOC permit as soon as possible after the public comment period is closed. If there is no formal public comment period, Ecology will issue a final permit determination within 60 days of determining the application is complete.

Valid duration:

The permit is valid for the lifetime of the permitted pollution source. Changes to the pollution source (either an emission increase or decrease) or the addition of new equipment in a facility may trigger the need for a new NOC permit.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. “Date of receipt” is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

45

Average processing time (all):

257

Average processing time (completed):

58

Legal processing time:

WAC 173-400-111 WAC 173-400-171

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes; Improve communications with customers;Modernize our processes using new or improved technology

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

259

Pending applications:

22

Backlog applications:

3

Explanation:

N/A

Aquatic Mosquito Control Permit - NPDES General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1044

Description

This permit allows government entities and individuals to discharge insecticides into state waters to control mosquitoes and ensures water quality is protected. It is a combined National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-224 Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees WAC Chapter 173-226 Waste Discharge General Permit Program WAC Chapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCW Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (Clean Water Act)

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

500

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

After Ecology approves your application and issues permit coverage we will send you a bill for the \$500 annual permit fee.

Permit fees change over time, so please check the Permit Fee Schedule in WAC 173-224-040.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Notice of Intent (NOI) Application Form for Coverage Under the Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Aquatic-pesticide-permits/Aquatic-mosquito-control>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Applicants must submit a completed and signed SEPA checklist unless SEPA is completed at the local level. If SEPA is completed at the local level, include: A completed and signed SEPA determination. A map of the area and location(s) you are proposing to treat. An Integrated Pest Management Plan, if using adulticides.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your application, Ecology will consider the laws and rules that apply and the contents of your application. In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means the public may submit comments to Ecology (during the 30-day public comment period) to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and consider them when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

You must apply for the permit online, through Secure Access Washington (SAW). See the 'Notes' section for more information on applying through SAW. You must also submit a signed hard copy of your application to Ecology. Mail to: Department of Ecology

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2006

Review/Approval time:

Generally, 45 to 60 days, which includes the 30-day public comment period. See the Permit Timeliness Results below for average processing times. WAC 173-226-200 and RCW 90.48.170: Application for permits shall be made at least 60 days prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration date, whichever is applicable. Ecology can issue coverage on

the 38th day following receipt of a complete application and the publication of the first public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

Valid duration:

Ecology permits are issued for a 5 year period. During that 5 year span, your permit is valid from the day your permit coverage is issued to the day the permit expires at the end of the 5 years. Coverage may be cancelled before the end of the 5 year period.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

3

Average processing time (all):

58

Average processing time (completed):

58

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

3

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Aquatic Plant and Algae Management - NPDES General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1045

Description

This permit allows businesses and local governments to apply chemical treatments for the management of aquatic noxious weeds, native nuisance plants, and algae and ensures water quality is protected.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-224 Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees WACChapter 173-226 Waste Discharge General Permit Program
WACChapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCWFederal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (Clean Water Act)

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

500

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

After Ecology approves your application and issues permit coverage we will send you a bill for the \$500 annual permit fee.

Permit fees change over time, so please check the Permit Fee Schedule in WAC 173-224-040.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Notice of Intent (NOI) Application Form for Coverage Under the Aquatic Plant and Algae Management General Permit' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Aquatic-pesticide-permits/Aquatic-plant-algae-management#apply>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

At a minimum, you must include a map of the proposed treatment area. See the application instructions for other required documents. A map of the proposed treatment area. A signed and dated Fluridone Vegetation Management Plan (See Appendix C of the general permit) when applying for permit coverage that includes fluridone treatment of more than: * Fifty percent of the littoral zone in lakes up to 50 acres.* Forty percent of the littoral zone in lakes from 50 - 500 acres. Copy of the written consent from the municipality or community when applying for permit coverage that includes using a product that is restricted for use in potable water and the treatment occurs in water bodies with municipal or community drinking water intakes.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your application, Ecology will consider the laws and rules that apply and the contents of your application.

In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30-day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and consider them when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Step 1: If you haven't already, you will need to sign up for a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account [<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/myAccess/saw/select.do>]. SAW is the state of Washington's secure portal to access and submit applications. Start by clicking

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2006

Review/Approval time:

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Valid duration:

Ecology issues general permits for a five-year period. Your coverage under the general permit is valid from the day Ecology issues your permit coverage, to the day the general permit expires at the end of the five years.

You can terminate your permit

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

9

Average processing time (all):

47

Average processing time (completed):

47

Legal processing time:**Streamlining opportunities:**

N/A

Pending applications:

11

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Asphalt Plants (General Order)

Department of Ecology

Type: General Order

ID: 1046

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues general orders to businesses in their jurisdiction to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. We issue general order permits to commercial sources of air pollution. A general order is a category of permit that simplifies the New Source Review (NSR) air permitting process. When several sources of air pollution are similar, we can issue a streamlined NSR permit (or “general order”) for sources in that category, rather than a series of full NSR individual permits. Currently, there are seven categories of general orders for air pollution that come from commercial sources. If you apply for a general order and we approve it, we will issue an individual Coverage Order for your facility under that specific General Order.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-400 WAC Chapter 70.94 RCW Chapter 70A.15 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$1,093 application fee if SEPA review is complete. \$1,450 application fee if SEPA review is required.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'General Order Application: Asphalt Plants' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070385.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must include with your application: *The manufacturer specification sheets for the asphalt plant, including dryer drum, baghouse, burner, and power generators with your application. * State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Compliance * Application fee.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order, Ecology will consider: *The applicable laws and rules. *The contents of your application. *The background environmental conditions. Facilities that don't meet the criteria for a general order will need to apply for the individual Notice of Construction permit.

Submittal process:

Send your complete application package to the address provided on the application. Paper application with paper check through USPS

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 30 days to determine if your application is incomplete, approved or denied. Applicants should receive a Coverage Order for the General Order 30 days after Ecology receives the complete application.

Valid duration:

The General Order is valid for the life of the facility or until the source either modifies the equipment or its practices.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

2

Average processing time (all):

106

Average processing time (completed):

53

Legal processing time:

"WAC 173-400-560 (application completeness determination w/i 30 days; final action w/i 30 days). WAC 173-400-171 (15 day internet posting where a comment period can be requested; 30 day comment period including prominent advertisement; if hearing held,

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:

1

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

Pending = incomplete applications, we are waiting for final payment to issue the final permit, or are still within allotted 60 days to work on the permit

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

109

Auto Body Shops (General Order)

Department of Ecology

Type: General Order

ID: 1047

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues general orders to businesses in their jurisdiction to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. We issue general order permits to commercial sources of air pollution. A general order is a category of permit that simplifies the New Source Review (NSR) air permitting process. When several sources of air pollution are similar, we can issue a streamlined NSR permit (or “general order”) for sources in that category, rather than a series of full NSR individual permits. Currently, there are seven categories of general orders for air pollution that come from commercial sources.

If you apply for a general order and we approve it, we will issue an individual Coverage Order for your facility under that specific General Order.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-400 WAC Chapter 70.94 RCW Chapter 70A.15 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$625 application fee if SEPA review is complete. \$981 application fee if SEPA review is required. No separate permit fee; annual fees for the source are assessed through the AQ Registration Program.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'General Order Application: Automobile Body Repair and Refinishing Shops' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070309.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must include with your application: * The manufacturer specification sheets for the paint booth that show design drawings. For a custom booth, you must submit exhaust blower specification sheets and design drawings. * The manufacturer specification sheets that show your exhaust filters meet 98 percent capture efficiency. * State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Compliance * Application fee.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order, Ecology will consider: * The applicable laws and rules. * The contents of your application. * The background environmental conditions. Facilities that don't meet the criteria for a general order will need to apply for the individual Notice of Construction permit.

Submittal process:

Mail complete application package to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Unit PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Applicant may email the electronic version to the permit writer or contact name on the permit application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

03/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 30 days to determine if your application is incomplete, approved or denied. Applicants should receive a Coverage

Order for the General Order 30 days after Ecology receives the complete application.

Valid duration:

The General Order is valid for the life of the facility or until the source either modifies the equipment or its practices.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

1

Average processing time (all):

305

Average processing time (completed):

50

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

109

Legal processing time:

"WAC 173-400-560 (application completeness determination w/i 30 days; final action w/i 30 days). WAC 173-400-171 (15 day internet posting where a comment period can be requested; 30 day comment period including prominent advertisement; if hearing held,

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers; Improve applications and the intake processes;

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

The permit was issued 1/2/25 and went into effect 2/1/25. Baseline facilities with no changes are automatically granted provisional coverage excluding new land application sites. All other permittees, 189 facilities, are required to submit an applicati

Biosolids Management General Permit - Wastewater treatment plants

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1048

Description

This general permit establishes the conditions that must be met for the activities in the State of Washington listed below, according to the provisions of Chapter 173-308 WAC, Biosolids Management.

Legal authority

Chapter 70A.226 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.226> Chapter 173-308 WAC, Biosolids Management <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-308>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2022

Comment:

New facility fee: a nonrefundable fee of \$3,203.67 for the first residential equivalent prior to departmental review of an application package or proposal. Facilities only pay the permit application review fee once in their lifetime, not every 5 years when we reissue a general permit.

Legal authority for fees:

Chapter 70A.226 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.226> WAC 173-308-320 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-308-320>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Baseline Permit Application', 'Active Septage Permit Application', and 'Active Biosolids Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Biosolids-facilities-Fees-forms-annual-report>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

A complete application package includes:- Application for Coverage signed by the appropriate official.- Confirmation that the SEPA and public notice requirements have been met.The following components may also be required:- Vicinity map of the facility and any associated treatment or storage facilities.- Treatment facility schematic (basic, showing flows and processes). - Land application plans- Monitoring data- Biosolids sampling plan- Contingency plan for exceptional quality biosolids- Temporary disposal plan- Spill prevention/response plan.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Submittal of a complete application package.Completion of public notice.Fulfillment of any SEPA obligations.

Submittal process:

Electronic copies are preferred. Hard copies can be submitted via mail, in person, or by parcel delivery service. All facilities must submit their permit application as follows:One copy to the Regional Biosolids Coordinator.
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste>

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2022

Review/Approval time:

The timeframe for reviewing applications and issuing final coverage varies. Applicants should consult the applicable Regional Biosolids Coordinator [<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Biosolids/Program-contacts>]for specifics.

Valid duration:

Ecology general permits are reissued every 5 years.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

1

Average processing time (all):

94

Average processing time (completed):

94

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

180

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

The permit was issued 1/2/25 and went into effect 2/1/25. Baseline facilities with no changes are automatically granted provisional coverage excluding new land application sites. All other permittees, 189 facilities, are required to submit an applicati

Biosolids Management General Permit - Land application

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1049

Description

This general permit establishes the conditions that must be met for the activities in the State of Washington listed below, according to the provisions of Chapter 173-308 WAC, Biosolids Management.

Legal authority

Chapter 70A.226 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.226> Chapter 173-308 WAC, Biosolids Management <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-308>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2022

Comment:

New facility fee: a nonrefundable fee of \$3,203.67 for the first residential equivalent prior to departmental review of an application package or proposal. Facilities only pay the permit application review fee once in their lifetime, not every 5 years when we reissue a general permit.

Legal authority for fees:

Chapter 70A.226 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.226> WAC 173-308-320 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-308-320>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Baseline Permit Application', 'Active Septage Permit Application', and 'Active Biosolids Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Biosolids-facilities-Fees-forms-annual-report>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

A complete application package includes:- Application for Coverage signed by the appropriate official.- Confirmation that the SEPA and public notice requirements have been met.The following components may also be required:- Vicinity map of the facility and any associated treatment or storage facilities.- Treatment facility schematic (basic, showing flows and processes). - Land application plans- Monitoring data- Biosolids sampling plan- Contingency plan for exceptional quality biosolids- Temporary disposal plan- Spill prevention/response plan.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Submittal of a complete application package.Completion of public notice.Fulfillment of any SEPA obligations.

Submittal process:

Electronic copies are preferred. Hard copies can be submitted via mail, in person, or by parcel delivery service. All facilities must submit their permit application as follows:One copy to the Regional Biosolids Coordinator.
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste>

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2022

Review/Approval time:

The timeframe for reviewing applications and issuing final coverage varies. Applicants should consult the applicable Regional Biosolids Coordinator [<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Biosolids/Program-contacts>]for specifics.

Valid duration:

Ecology general permits are reissued every 5 years.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

-99

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

Explanation:

Currently, we don't track the two different types of Biosolids permits separately.

Backlog applications:

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

365

Boatyard General Permit - NPDES

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1050

Description

This General Permit is for businesses operating a boatyard that discharge pressure wash wastewater and stormwater runoff into a surface waters to ensure the wastewater and stormwater runoff is disposed of safely.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-200 WAC, Water Quality Standards for Groundwaters of the State of WashingtonChapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$570 - \$1,210 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

Chapter 173-200 WAC, Water Quality Standards for Groundwaters of the State of WashingtonChapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Request for coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Boatyard General Permit' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Boatyard-general-permit>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must also include a Site Sketch, as an electronic 'pdf' or 'jpg' attachment. Ecology may request additional information or have questions after reviewing the application form. Note that a facility wanting to begin operations must conduct a public notice announcement in the newspaper. The applicant must publish a public notice once each week for two consecutive weeks (twice), at least seven days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the discharge is proposed. Coverage may be issued 30 days after the second public notice.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions. In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

To submit an electronic permit application, also known as a "Notice of Intent" (NOI), through the WQWebPortal:1. Sign up for a SecureAccess Washington (SAW) account
[<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/myAccess/saw/myFortress/home.do?section=myFortress#register>]

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2006

Review/Approval time:

Under WAC 173-226-200 and RCW 90.48.170, application for permits shall be made at least 60 days prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration date, whichever is applicable. See the Permit Timeliness Results below for

average processing times.

Valid duration:

Your General Permit is valid for up to five years. Coverage for a facility begins at time of application approval and ends when the General Permit expires or your coverage is revoked. Ecology may administratively extend the General Permit past five years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

5

Average processing time (all):

49

Average processing time (completed):

21

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

1

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

60

Burn Permit - Fire Training

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1089

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow fire agencies to burn a structure while taking into consideration whether or not this activity would result in air pollution impacting locations downwind from the site.

Legal authority

Chapter 52.12.150 RCW Chapter 173-425-060(2)(f) WAC

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html> The application is called 'Fire Training Permit Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY07079.htm>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

1. Fill out the application. 2. Sign the application. 3. Email, mail, or fax to the Ecology Air Quality Program for your county. Ecology regional office map and contact information. <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/contact-us>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

You must also send an asbestos notification form to your local clean air agency. The form must be received at least 10 working days before work starts.

Submittal process:

The location of the fire training exercise determines where to submit your application. Please see the application form for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

Ecology will act on a complete application within one week and send you a permit or an explanation as to why the application was denied. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Valid duration:

Permits are valid January 1st to June 30th and July 1st to December 31st.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing"

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Analysis

Applications received:

12

Average processing time (all):

2

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Burn Permit for Land Clearing Burning

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1090

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow for burning of land clearing debris in a way that protects human health and the environment. The land clearing permit is for outdoor burning of trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation from projects that clear the land surface so it can be developed or left unused. Examples of land clearing include, but are not limited to: Removing forest trees so a house can be built. Tearing out an orchard or clearing rangeland to develop the property.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-425 WAC, Outdoor Burning WAC Chapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html> The application is called 'Burn Permit Application: Land Clearing' is online and can be accessed at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ecy020124.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Process flow chart

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

If Ecology issues the permit, they will act on a complete application in about one week and will send you either a permit or an explanation of why the application was denied. Incomplete applications will be returned. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, contact them for details.

Valid duration:

January 1st to June 30th and July 1st to December 31st

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of

receipt” is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

52

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Burn Permit: Agricultural Field Burning

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1091

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow agricultural field burning in a way that protects human health and the environment.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-430, EAC Agricultural Burning Chapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2012

Comment:

The fee is \$37.50 (minimum) for any burning under 10 acres. Each additional acre after 10 acres is \$3.75 an acre.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-430-041 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-430-041>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Process flow chart

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

The permitting authority must act on a complete application (as determined by the permitting authority) within seven days of receipt. See WAC 173-430-040(5)(c).

Valid duration:

January 1st to June 30th and July 1st to December 31st

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call

Analysis

Applications received:

304

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

Act on application within 7 days for agricultural burning)

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

**Average time between approval and any
post-approval condition(s)/step(s):**

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Burn Permit: Agricultural Pile Burns

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1092

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow for the burning of agricultural piles in a way that protects human health and the environment.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-430, WAC Agricultural BurningChapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2012

Comment:

A minimum of \$80 for the first 80 tons; \$1.00 for each additional ton.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-430-041<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-430-041>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html>The application is called 'Agricultural Pile Burn Permit Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy020123.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Process flow chart

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

The permitting authority must act on a complete application (as determined by the permitting authority) within seven days of receipt. See WAC 173-430-040(5)(c).

Valid duration:

July 1st to June 30th

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is

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Analysis

Applications received:

118

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

Act on application within 7 days for agricultural burning)

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Burn Permit: Agricultural Spot Burning

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1093

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow spot burning in a way that protects human health and the environment. This permit is not to be used for field burning where the proposed burn area is definable and predictable.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-430, WAC Agricultural Burning Chapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2012

Comment:

A minimum fee of \$37.50 is required for any burning under ten (10) acres.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-430-041 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-430-041>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html> The application is called 'Agricultural Burn Permit Application for Spot Burning' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY020125.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

1. Fill out the application. 2. Sign the application. 3. Email, mail, or fax to the Ecology Air Quality Program for your county. Ecology regional office map and contact information. <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/contact-us>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

The permitting authority must act on a complete application (as determined by the permitting authority) within seven days of receipt. See WAC 173-430-040(5)(c).

Valid duration:

January 1st to December 31st

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing"

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Analysis

Applications received:

102

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

Act on application within 7 days for agricultural burning)

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Burn Permit: Baled Agricultural Residue Burning

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1094

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow commercial agricultural operations to burn baled agricultural residue in a way that protects human health and the environment.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-430, WAC Agricultural BurningChapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2012

Comment:

The fee is \$37.50 for any burning under ten acres (or its baled maximum equivalent of two tons per acre.)

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-430-041<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-430-041>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html>The application is called 'Agricultural Burning Permit: Application for Baled Agricultural Residue Burning' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/ecy07075.pdf>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Process flow chart

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

The permitting authority must act on a complete application (as determined by the permitting authority) within seven days of receipt. See WAC 173-430-040(5)(c).

Valid duration:

January 1st to June 30th and July 1st to December 31st

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is

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Analysis

Applications received:

8

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

Act on application within 7 days for agricultural burning)

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Burn Permit: Outdoor Special Burn Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1095

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow burning in a way that protects human health and the environment. The special burn permit is used if your burning request does not qualify as either agricultural burning or land clearing. Even some residential burning can require a special permit.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-425 WAC, Outdoor BurningChapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html>The application is called 'Special Burn Permit Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy07052.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

1. Fill out the application.2. Sign the application.3. Email, mail, or fax to the Ecology Air Quality Program for your county.Ecology regional office map and contact information.<https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/contact-us>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

Ecology will act on a complete application in approximately one week and will send you either a permit or an explanation of why the application was denied.

Valid duration:

January 1st to June 30th and July 1st to December 31st

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt

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Analysis

Applications received:

8

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

If weed abatement, act on application within 7 days)

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Burn Permit: Storm & Flood Debris

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1096

Description

The purpose of this permit is to allow for the burning of natural vegetation deposited on lands by storms in a way that protects human health and the environment.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-425 WAC, Outdoor BurningChapter 70A.15, RCW Washington Clean Air Act

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Sign up for a Secure Washington Access Account to apply for a burn permit. Get instructions in the Burn Permit Application User Guide<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2302085.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

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Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, the permitting authority will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

If Ecology issues the permit, see the application for details. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, see their application for details.

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2024

Review/Approval time:

If Ecology issues the permit they will act on a complete application in about one week and will send you either a permit or an explanation of why the application was denied. Incomplete applications will be returned. If a local clean air agency issues the permit, contact them for details.

Valid duration:

January 1st to June 30th and July 1st to December 31st

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is

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Analysis

Applications received:

1

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

5

Certification of carbon intensity (greenhouse gas emissions over the life cycle) of alternative fuel pathways. (Tier 1)

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1720

Description

Fuel producers must apply for a certified carbon intensity score as part of registering for the Clean Fuel Standards program. The certification process identifies how many credits or deficits their fuel generates in the program. Tier 1 fuel pathways are intended for fuels with well-documented pre-established emissions factors.

Legal authority

Chapter 70A.535 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

3/1/2024

Comment:

Ecology charges a fee to participate in the Clean Fuel Standard program. This fee covers the cost of administering the program and is based on the estimated budget for the coming year.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 70A.535.130

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Program participants must register for an account in the online Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP). Then, they will submit fuel pathway applications in the AFP by uploading the required documents.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Clean Fuel Standard requirements for participation <https://ecology.wa.gov/air-climate/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions/clean-fuel-standard/requirements>.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Tier1 pathway applications already approved by California or Oregon or those using pre-established emissions factors do not require a public comment period.

Submittal process:

Program participants must register for an account in the online Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP). Then, they will submit fuel pathway applications in the AFP by uploading the required documents.

Application/Submittal last updated:

1/1/2023

Review/Approval time:

1. Ecology reviews the fuel pathway application and shares the findings with the applicant in an online meeting, and requests additional supporting documents, if necessary. A pre-application consultation may have occurred if it was needed. 2. The applicant reviews the pathway review summary including the draft carbon intensity score using the Alternative Fuel Portal. 3. Once the applicant accepts the pathway review summary, Ecology certifies the carbon intensity score for the fuel pathway, and this allows the fuel producer/importer to generate credits for the fuels they sell in Washington State

Valid duration:

The operational carbon intensity score of fuel pathways to be reported to Ecology and reviewed annually.

Appeal process:

The fuel pathway review process is consultative. The CFS law did not establish an appeal process.

Analysis

Applications received:

120

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve application forms and the submission processes

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

57

Explanation:

The program started in January 2023 using carbon intensity scores certified by California or Oregon DEQ, because we did not have time to review all the pathways submitted by all producers at the same time. We were also buiding capacity and tools to review

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

182

Certification of carbon intensity (greenhouse gas emissions over the life cycle) of alternative fuel pathways. (Tier 2 - Basic review)

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1721

Description

Fuel producers must apply for a certified carbon intensity score as part of registering for the Clean Fuel Standards program. The certification process identifies how many credits or deficits their fuel generates in the program. Tier 2 fuel pathways are intended for fuels relatively new and emerging fuels, or Tier 1 fuels produced using innovative methods or facility-specific emission factors.

Legal authority

Chapter 70A.535 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

3/1/2024

Comment:

Ecology charges a fee to participate in the Clean Fuel Standard program. This fee covers the cost of administering the program and is based on the estimated budget for the coming year.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 70A.535.130

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Program participants must register for an account in the online Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP). Then, they will submit fuel pathway applications in the AFP by uploading the required documents.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Clean Fuel Standard requirements for participation<https://ecology.wa.gov/air-climate/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions/clean-fuel-standard/requirements> .

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Ecology publishes the Tier 2 pathway review summary for public review and comment per WAC 173-424-610. If there are public comments, the fuel producer is required to provide responses to public comments.

Submittal process:

Program participants must register for an account in the online Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP). Then, they will submit fuel pathway applications in the AFP by uploading the required documents.

Application/Submittal last updated:

1/1/2023

Review/Approval time:

1. Ecology reviews the fuel pathway application and shares the findings with the applicant in an online meeting, and requests additional supporting documents, if necessary. A pre-application consultation may have occurred if it was needed.2. The applicant reviews the pathway review summary including the draft carbon intensity score using the Alternative Fuel Portal.3. If the application is an original (not previously certified by the California or Oregon clean fuels program) Tier 2 pathway Ecology publishes the pathway review summary for public review and comment per WAC 173-424-610. If there are public comments, the fuel producer is required to provide responses to public comments.4. Ecology updates the fuel pathway review summary based on the public comments and includes a margin of safety to the calculated carbon intensity score if the applicant chooses.5. The applicant reviews the pathway review summary including the final carbon intensity score and margin of safety using the Alternative Fuel Portal.6. Once the applicant accepts the pathway review summary, Ecology

certifies the carbon intensity score for the fuel pathway, and this allows the fuel producer/importer to generate credits for the fuels they sell in Washington State

Valid duration:

The operational carbon intensity score of fuel pathways to be reported to Ecology and reviewed annually.

Appeal process:

The fuel pathway review process is consultative. For complex pathways, it goes through a public comment process. The CFS law did not establish an appeal process.

Analysis

Applications received:

28

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve application forms and the submission processes

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):
-99

Recommended processing time:
547

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

17

Explanation:

The program started in January 2023 using carbon intensity scores certified by California or Oregon DEQ, because we did not have time to review all the pathways submitted by all producers at the same time. We were also buiding capacity and tools to review

Certification of carbon intensity (greenhouse gas emissions over the life cycle) of alternative fuel pathways. (Tier 2 - Complex review)

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1722

Description

Fuel producers must apply for a certified carbon intensity score as part of registering for the Clean Fuel Standards program. The certification process identifies how many credits or deficits their fuel generates in the program. Tier 2 fuel pathways focus on new and emerging fuels with a more complex analysis that require rulemaking, site visits, or updates to the Washington “Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies” model Ecology uses to determine the carbon intensity of fuels on a life cycle basis.

Legal authority

Chapter 70A.535 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

3/1/2024

Comment:

Ecology charges a fee to participate in the Clean Fuel Standard program. This fee covers the cost of administering the program and is based on the estimated budget for the coming year.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 70A.535.130

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Program participants must register for an account in the online Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP). Then, they will submit fuel pathway applications in the AFP by uploading the required documents.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Clean Fuel Standard requirements for participation <https://ecology.wa.gov/air-climate/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions/clean-fuel-standard/requirements>.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Complex Tier 2 reviews require rulemaking, site visits, or updates to the WA-GREET model

Submittal process:

Program participants must register for an account in the online Alternative Fuel Portal (AFP). Then, they will submit fuel pathway applications in the AFP by uploading the required documents.

Application/Submittal last updated:

1/1/2023

Review/Approval time:

1. Once the fuel producer expresses interest to supply fuel in Washington, Ecology works with the applicant to determine the approach and tools for the determination of carbon intensity of the fuel, and credit generation from supplying the fuel.
2. Ecology reviews the fuel pathway application and shares the findings with the applicant in an online meeting, and requests additional supporting documents, if necessary. A pre-application consultation may have occurred if it was needed.
3. The applicant reviews the pathway review summary including the draft carbon intensity score using the Alternative Fuel Portal.
4. If the application is an original (not previously certified by the California or Oregon clean fuels program) Tier 2 pathway Ecology publishes the pathway review summary for public review and comment per WAC 173-424-610. If there are public comments, the fuel producer is required to provide responses to public comments.
5. Ecology updates the fuel pathway review summary based on the public comments and includes a margin of

safety to the calculated carbon intensity score if the applicant chooses.6. The applicant reviews the pathway review summary including the final carbon intensity score and margin of safety using the Alternative Fuel Portal.7. Once the applicant accepts the pathway review summary, Ecology certifies the carbon intensity score for the fuel pathway, and this allows the fuel producer/importer to generate credits for the fuels they sell in Washington State

Valid duration:

The operational carbon intensity score of fuel pathways to be reported to Ecology and reviewed annually.

Appeal process:

The fuel pathway review process is consultative. For complex pathways, it goes through a public comment process. The CFS law did not establish an appeal process.

Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve application forms and the submission processes

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

730

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

-99

Explanation:

The program started in January 2023 using carbon intensity scores certified by California or Oregon DEQ, because we did not have time to review all the pathways submitted by all producers at the same time. We were also buiding capacity and tools to review

Certification of Inspectors of Solid Waste Incinerators

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1088

Description

The owner or operator in charge must be certified in the operation and maintenance of solid waste incinerators (excluding hog fuel burners and crematoria facilities), municipal waste landfills, problem waste landfills, special incinerator ash landfills or monofills, inert waste and demolition waste landfills, and all limited purpose solid waste landfills such as wood waste landfills.

Legal authority

RCW 70A.216<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.216&full=true>WAC 173-300<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-300>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

Application fee \$50.00Textbook cost \$160.00*Certification and Recertification fee \$200.00*Textbook fee is waived if applicant already has one.

Legal authority for fees:

Chapter 173-300 WAC<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-300>Chapter 70A.216 RCW<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.216>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

To obtain copies of the applications contact the following:Anna Harris Department of Ecology Solid Waste Management 1250 W Alder St Union Gap, WA 98903-0009 Phone: (509) 522-6852 E-mail: anna.harris@ecy.wa.gov

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The incinerator certification approval process begins when the applicant submits their application for either initial certification or recertification as an operator or inspector. Upon receipt, we review the application for completeness. For recertification, we verify that the applicant has paid the \$200 certification fee (waived for inspectors), confirm previous certification, and ensure that the certification has not expired beyond the allowed timeline. Once these conditions are met, we issue and send out a new certificate. For new certifications, we check if a study manual has been requested. If so, we process the order and ship the manual, which may take several weeks if the manual needs to be ordered. Once the necessary steps are complete, we email the applicant to confirm receipt of their application and request that they notify us when they are ready to take the exam. We require at least two weeks' notice to schedule the exam once the applicant confirms their readiness.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

The applicant must include the \$50 application fee plus the \$160 text book fee with their application. If applicant already has a text book, only the \$50 one-time fee is required.

Submittal process:

Email - Documentation of a course completion that SWM has interim approved to satisfy certification requirements is submitted to lead staff via email. Anna HarrisDepartment of Ecology Solid Waste Management1250 W Alder St Union Gap, WA 98903

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2025

Review/Approval time:

Ecology reviews applications upon receiving them and schedules exams as needed.

Valid duration:

3 years

Appeal process:

Applicants can re-take test at no additional charge.

Analysis

Applications received:

23

Average processing time (all):

84

Average processing time (completed):

84

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Modernize our processes using new or improved technology

Pending applications:

5

Backlog applications:

-99

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

60

Certification of Operators of Solid Waste Landfills

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1087

Description

The owner or operator in charge must be certified in the operation and maintenance of solid waste incinerators (excluding hog fuel burners and crematoria facilities), municipal waste landfills, problem waste landfills, special incinerator ash landfills or monofills, inert waste and demolition waste landfills, and all limited purpose solid waste landfills such as wood waste landfills. Incinerator operator certification is a home study program and a written exam. Landfill operator certification: Contact Ecology, Marni Solheim.

Legal authority

RCW 70A.216 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.216&full=true> WAC 173-300 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-300>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

Application fee \$50.00 Textbook cost \$160.00 * Certification and Recertification fee \$200.00 * Textbook fee is waived if applicant already has one.

Legal authority for fees:

Chapter 173-300 WAC <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-300> Chapter 70A.216 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.216>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

To obtain copies of the applications contact the following: Marni Solheim Department of Ecology Solid Waste Management 4601 N Monroe Spokane WA 99205-1295 Phone: (509) 522-6852 E-mail: marni.solheim@ecy.wa.gov

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Someone that has completed the interim, approved courses, sends confirmation via email. Staff then sends certification letter within a few days.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Landfill Operator: Contact Ecology, Marni Solheim. Incinerator Operator: Pass exam and pay \$200 certification fee. No additional testing required for recertification, however a recertification application and \$200 recertification fee is required (every three years).

Submittal process:

Email - Documentation of a course completion that SWM has interim approved to satisfy certification requirements is submitted to lead staff via email. Contact Marni Solheim Department of Ecology Solid Waste Management

4601 N Monroe Spoka

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2024

Review/Approval time:

Ecology reviews applications upon receiving them and schedules exams as needed.

Valid duration:

3 years

Appeal process:

Applicants can re-take test at no additional charge.

Analysis

Applications received:

10

Average processing time (all):

1

Average processing time (completed):

1

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Modernize our processes using new or improved technology

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

7

Coastal Zone Management (Federal agency activities)

Department of Ecology

Type: Other

ID: 1051

Description

Under Washington's Coastal Zone Management Program, federal actions that may affect any land use, water use, or natural resources in the state's coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies found within the state Water Pollution Control Act, the Clean Air Act, the Shoreline Management Act, the Ocean Resources Management Act, and the state Marine Spatial Plan. The coastal zone consists of the lands and waters within the 15 coastal counties that border the Puget Sound or Pacific Ocean, and excluding certain federal lands. Federal actions include direct federal agency activities and projects requiring a federal license or permits.

Legal authority

RCW 90.58 RCW 90.48; RCW 70.94; RCW 43.143 and All implementing WACs associated with the enforceable RCWs

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Ecology receives requests for consistency certifications electronically to a resource mailbox (ecyreczmfedconsistency@ecy.wa.gov). Electronic CZM Form for Activities that Require a Federal License or Permit <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070710.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

1. The project proponent submits a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency certification or determination to Ecology. (For projects permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), these are sent to the Corps first, then the Corps sends it to Ecology.)
2. Ecology reviews and acknowledges receipt of the consistency certification/determination.
3. Ecology reviews the consistency certification/determination to ensure that all the information has been provided.
4. Ecology issues a public notice or works with the Corps on a joint public notice if applicable.
5. Ecology begins a coordinated consistency review with programs within Ecology, other state agencies and Tribes.
6. After it has been determined that all of the enforceable policies have been met, Ecology issues a CZM federal consistency decision.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Obtain the associated federal permit

Submittal process:

Department of Ecology
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program
Federal Permit Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600

E-mail: ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 60 days for federal projects and six months for licenses, permits, or funding projects to render a decision. Ecology will review the consistency documents and will issue one of the following decisions:- A concurrence- A concurrence with conditions- An objection

Valid duration:

For the length of the project.

Appeal process:

Disagreements between federal agencies and the state on federal projects should be resolved through dialogue on the outstanding issues of a project with formal and informal mediation available as a forum for resolving disputes. Where a state objects to the issuance of a federal license or permit, the applicant may appeal to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce requesting an override of the state objection. See 15 CFR subpart H. Mediation is also a potential means for resolving a state objection and can be done in formal or formal venues.

Analysis

Applications received:

35

Average processing time (all):

56

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

15 CFR Part 930. There are distinct timeframes for review of federal agency actions, and actions that require a federal permit or license.

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes; Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:

2

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

Pending is from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2024. Currently, we don't track the two types of CZM separately.

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

60

Coastal Zone Management (Federal permit and license activities)

Department of Ecology

Type: Other

ID: 1052

Description

Under Washington's Coastal Zone Management Program, federal actions that may affect any land use, water use, or natural resources in the state's coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies found within the state Water Pollution Control Act, the Clean Air Act, the Shoreline Management Act, the Ocean Resources Management Act, and the state Marine Spatial Plan. The coastal zone consists of the lands and waters within the 15 coastal counties that border the Puget Sound or Pacific Ocean, and excluding certain federal lands. Federal actions include direct federal agency activities and projects requiring a federal license or permits.

Legal authority

RCW 90.58 RCW 90.48; RCW 70.94; RCW 43.143 and All implementing WACs associated with the enforceable RCWs

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Ecology receives requests for consistency certifications electronically to a resource mailbox (ecyreczmfedconsistency@ecy.wa.gov). Electronic CZM Form for Activities that Require a Federal License or Permit <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070710.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

1. The project proponent submits a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency certification or determination to Ecology. (For projects permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), these are sent to the Corps first, then the Corps sends it to Ecology.)
2. Ecology reviews and acknowledges receipt of the consistency certification/determination.
3. Ecology reviews the consistency certification/determination to ensure that all the information has been provided.
4. Ecology issues a public notice or works with the Corps on a joint public notice if applicable.
5. Ecology begins a coordinated consistency review with programs within Ecology, other state agencies and Tribes.
6. After it has been determined that all of the enforceable policies have been met, Ecology issues a CZM federal consistency decision.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Obtain the associated federal permit

Submittal process:

Department of Ecology
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program
Federal Permit Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600

E-mail: ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 60 days for federal projects and six months for licenses, permits, or funding projects to render a decision. Ecology will review the consistency documents and will issue one of the following decisions:- A concurrence- A concurrence with conditions- An objection

Valid duration:

For the length of the project.

Appeal process:

Disagreements between federal agencies and the state on federal projects should be resolved through dialogue on the outstanding issues of a project with formal and informal mediation available as a forum for resolving disputes. Where a state objects to the issuance of a federal license or permit, the applicant may appeal to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce requesting an override of the state objection. See 15 CFR subpart H. Mediation is also a potential means for resolving a state objection and can be done in formal or formal venues.

Analysis

Applications received:

124

Average processing time (all):

96

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

120

Legal processing time:

15 CFR Part 930. There are distinct timeframes for review of federal agency actions, and actions that require a federal permit or license.

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes; Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:

60

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

Pending is from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2024

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1053

Description

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) permit is intended to protect both surface waters and ground waters by requiring implementation of Nutrient Management Plans (NMP). NMPs are site specific plans that describe how livestock operations plan to collect, store, handle and apply nutrients at agronomic rates. NMPs also detail best management practices (BMPs) that a facility must implement to prevent impacts to surface and groundwater from all areas of the facility such as barns, milking houses, feeding areas and land application fields. CAFOs must have a NMP certified by the local Conservation District. In addition, as part of the permit application process, CAFO permittees must have their NMP reviewed by The Department of Ecology (Ecology) to ensure it meets the minimum requirements listed in the CAFO permit. Under the federal Clean Water Act, CAFO's are point sources requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit if they discharge or propose to discharge to State or Federal Waters either directly or through a man-made conveyance. As part of the Second Circuit Court 'Waterkeeper' decision, just having the potential to discharge was not enough to require the CAFO permit. A CAFO facility may also voluntarily apply for coverage under the CAFO General Permit. NMPs are also made available for public review. CAFO's include the following livestock categories:

Mature dairy cows
Veal calves
Cattle other than mature dairy cattle - heifers, steers, bulls, and cow/calf pairs
Horses
Sheep
Turkeys
Chickens (layers and broilers)
Ducks

Legal authority

RCW 90.48
WAC 173-226

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

The permit fee for dairies is \$0.54 per animal unit. The permit fee for non-dairies range from \$350 - \$3,500 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465
WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Permit - Application for Coverage' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy0407.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Yes. Include: A topographic map (your facility must be sketched on the map) of your facility and the fields you apply manure, litter or process wastewater to. Wellhead protection areas and field buffers must be included on the maps. A nutrient management plan that meets the minimum elements contained in the CAFO permit. A checklist developed by the Interagency Livestock Technical Advisory Committee (ILTAC) is provided to help ensure that applicants meet the minimum requirements.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Yes. Your nutrient management plan must be determined to be acceptable by Ecology, with assistance from the Department of Agriculture, before permit coverage is issued. If your plan is determined to be unacceptable, you will receive a detailed letter that indicates what information must be included for your nutrient management plan to be considered acceptable.

Submittal process:

"Applicants can apply for coverage electronically through the WQ Permitting Portal that uses Secure Access Washington. Must sign and mail hard copy to Ecology. Department of Ecology Water Quality Program Attn: CAFO Permit Manager PO Box 47696 Olympia, WA

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/1905

Review/Approval time:

Application for permits shall be made at least 60 days prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration date, whichever is applicable.

Valid duration:

Your permit is valid from the date coverage is issued to you until the date the CAFO permit expires or the permit is canceled or revoked. The current permit expires on January 5, 2028. When it expires, a new CAFO permit will be issued, or the current per

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608 E-Mail Address: ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

Analysis

Applications received:

9

Average processing time (all):

90

Average processing time (completed):

2

Legal processing time:**Streamlining opportunities:**

None

Pending applications:

5

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

NA

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

60

Concrete Batch Plants (General Order)

Department of Ecology

Type: General Order

ID: 1054

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues general orders to businesses in their jurisdiction to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. We issue general order permits to commercial sources of air pollution. A general order is a category of permit that simplifies the New Source Review (NSR) air permitting process. When several sources of air pollution are similar, we can issue a streamlined NSR permit (or “general order”) for sources in that category, rather than a series of full NSR individual permits. Currently, there are seven categories of general orders for air pollution that come from commercial sources.

If you apply for a general order and we approve it, we will issue an individual Coverage Order for your facility under that specific General Order.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-400 WAC Chapter 70.94 RCW Chapter 70A.15 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$625 application fee if SEPA review is complete. \$981 application fee if SEPA review is required. No separate permit fee; annual fees for the source are assessed through the AQ Registration Program.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for Concrete Batch Plants' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070328.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must include with your application: * The manufacturer's specification sheets for the concrete plant. Include baghouse specifications for each baghouse. Each baghouse must have a particle removal efficiency of at least 99.9 percent and must be equipped with a differential pressure gauge to measure pressure drop across the bags. * State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Compliance * Application fee.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order, Ecology will consider: * The applicable laws and rules. * The contents of your application. * The background environmental conditions. Facilities that don't meet the criteria for a general order will need to apply for the individual Notice of Construction permit.

Submittal process:

Mail complete application package to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Unit PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Applicant may email the electronic version to the permit writer or contact name on the permit application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

03/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 30 days to determine if your application is incomplete, approved or denied. Applicants should receive a Coverage

Order for the General Order 30 days after Ecology receives the complete application.

Valid duration:

The General Order is valid for the life of the facility or until the source either modifies the equipment or its practices.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608 E-Mail Address: ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

Analysis

Applications received:

3

Average processing time (all):

47

Average processing time (completed):

25

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

109

Legal processing time:

"WAC 173-400-560 (application completeness determination w/i 30 days; final action w/i 30 days). WAC 173-400-171 (15 day internet posting where a comment period can be requested; 30 day comment period including prominent advertisement; if hearing held,

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Construction Stormwater General Permit - NPDES

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1055

Description

This permit ensures that construction site operators follow measures as to prevent stormwater from washing soil, nutrients, chemicals and other harmful pollutants into local water bodies and degrading water quality.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-201A WAC, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

The annual permit fee ranges from \$500 - \$3,700 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Notice of Intent (NOI)' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Construction-stormwater-permit>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

A complete application must include certification that the public notice and State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) requirements have been met. The applicant must prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prior to starting construction, but does not need to submit it with the application.

Site operators who expect to have a discharge to waterbodies of the state that are on the 303(d) 'Impaired Water Body' list will be required to provide Ecology with information in advance of permit coverage, and will be required to complete the Construction Stormwater General Permit: Proposed New Discharge to an Impaired Waterbody form. Ecology will provide this form to you after Ecology determines that the receiving waterbody is impaired. To lookup whether a water body is on the 303(d) list of Impaired Water Bodies, visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Assessment-of-state-waters-303d>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the application for coverage has a public review requirement. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30 day public comment period regarding the application. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

The applicant must submit the application for coverage at least 60 days before discharging stormwater from construction activity and must submit it on or before the first newspaper publication date of the public notice. Information provided in the public notice must coincide with the application.

Lastly, the SEPA review must be completed before your permit coverage will be issued. As a result of the public notice, Ecology may receive public comment(s) that must be addressed before permit coverage can be issued.

Submittal process:

To the Department of Ecology, requires an electronic application using Ecology's eNOI system:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Construction-stormwater-permit>.

Application/Submittal last updated:

09/2022

Review/Approval time:

Unless otherwise specified in writing, coverage automatically commences on the 31st day following receipt of a complete application by Ecology. See the Permit Timeliness Results below for average processing times.

Valid duration:

The statewide general permit expires every five years, with the current permit set to expire on December 31, 2025.

Coverage under the permit is valid until your site's permit coverage is revoked or terminated. If permit coverage is required past the g

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

792

Average processing time (all):

72

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

166

Backlog applications:

-99

Explanation:

We may see an occasional backlog during permit renewal. We also may see a backlog for contaminated sites at various times of the year and due to staffing/resource issues).

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

120

CWA Section 401 Certification for FERC Hydropower Licenses

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1101

Description

When an applicant requests a license, either to re-license an existing dam or for new construction, we work with the utility to review studies, analyses, and plans. If we determine that water quality standards are attainable, a 401 Water Quality Certification is issued, with conditions to ensure that the standards will be met. These conditions become part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 RCWWAC 173-201A

Equity considerations:

See cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

01/2024

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

Clean Water Act states that a certifying authority must act on a certification request from an applicant within a “reasonable period of time (which shall not exceed one year)” from receipt of the request. [33 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1)] FERC rule adoption of th

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Request for 401 Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification-
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070640.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

See the application for requirements: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070640.html>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your application, Ecology will consider the laws and rules that apply and the contents of your application. In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30-day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and consider them when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

The Water Quality Certifications for Existing Hydropower Dams Guidance Manual spells out our expectations of applicants who want us to certify that a hydropower project meets Washington's water quality standards. This manual is useful for utility district

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2023

Review/Approval time:

Project review is often a collaborative process between Ecology, the federal permitting agency, and the applicant. We will work with the applicant and applicable permitting agencies to make sure application information is adequate and, if needed, mitigation is proposed. We review projects for reasonable assurance that they will meet state water quality standards, coastal resource protection requirements, fish and wildlife habitat standards, and other applicable regulations. A public notice may be issued jointly by both Ecology and the federal agency issuing the permit or license; otherwise we will issue a separate public notice for the project.

Valid duration:

401 Certification is issued for FERC License duration which can range from 30 to 50 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

1

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

335

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

365

Legal processing time:

"Clean Water Act states that a certifying authority must act on a certification request from an applicant within a "reasonable period of time (which shall not exceed one year)" from receipt of the request. [33 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1)]FERC rule adoption of t

Streamlining opportunities:

None

Pending applications:**Explanation:****Backlog applications:**

Dam Construction Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1056

Description

Dam construction permits ensure safety of life and property.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.03 RCW, Water Code Chapter 173-175 WAC Dam Safety

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

1977

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

The dam removal fee is \$10.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-175-360 WAC 173-175-370 WAC 173-175-390

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for Dam Construction Permit,' is online, and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy07038.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The applicant must submit engineering designs, plans and specifications to Ecology for review and approval. These must be prepared by a qualified professional engineer registered in Washington state and carry the engineer's signature and seal. This must be done when the first substantive engineering information about the proposed project becomes available, usually when the conceptual plans are completed. Include the initial fee (\$1,977) with the application form.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

A number of other permits and approvals are often required at the local, state, and federal levels for the construction of a dam. The application must include an post-construction inspection plan that is part of the approval of the project permit.

Submittal process:

The application, fee, and supporting engineering documentation should be sent to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Unit PO Box 47611 Olympia WA 98504-7611

Application/Submittal last updated:

07/2005

Review/Approval time:

Pre-application phase generally takes years to complete through significant study and analysis, consultation, and technical assistance. Once a completed application is submitted, Ecology generally takes 30 days to review engineering documents and the application, and 30 days after any applicant revisions for Ecology to do the final review. If Ecology anticipates it will take more than 60 days, Ecology will notify the applicant. See WAC 173-175-270. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-175-270>

Valid duration:

Indefinite.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of

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Analysis

Applications received:

7

Average processing time (all):

95

Average processing time (completed):

81

Legal processing time:

None. If 60 or more days will be needed for review, Ecology must provide an estimated date of response.

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

180

Pending applications:

-99

Backlog applications:

19

Explanation:

We don't have the ability to track pending applications. Backlog is as of 1/27/25.

Dangerous and mixed waste permits (site-wide)

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1099

Description

The dangerous and mixed waste permits regulate the treatment, storage and disposal of dangerous waste at the facilities. The permit, according to WAC 173-303 regulations, specifies how facilities manage their dangerous waste to protect human health and the environment.

Legal authority

RCW 70A.300WAC 173-303

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

N/A

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

After we receive the application it is transmitted through the NWP Library. The NWP Library then provides a link to the permit application to Permit Production. Permit Production provides the permit application to the appropriate project team members for review. Dangerous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility - New Permit flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Dangerous-Waste-New-Permit-Schematics.pdf <https://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/ap-sec-9.pdf>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Unknown

Submittal process:

The application process includes an informal review period before the formal submittal to ensure early review and resolution of comments. Once the informal review is complete, Ecology provides a message to the Permittees to proceed with the formal submittal

Application/Submittal last updated:

Mar-20

Review/Approval time:

Once we receive a formal submittal from the Permittee(s), it takes about 3 years to process new permit applications.

Valid duration:

10 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing"

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Analysis

Applications received:

4

Average processing time (all):

1095

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

Under WAC 173-303-806 requirements provide timelines for processing a new permit application.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-303-806>WAC 173-303-830(3) Class 3 permit modification requirements provide timelines for processing new perm

Streamlining opportunities:

None

Pending applications:

2

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

36

Recommended processing time:

1278

Dangerous Waste Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility - Part B - Permit Modification

Department of Ecology

Type: Modification

ID: 1057

Description

To modify an existing Dangerous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility Permit, protect human health and the environment and ensure the facility knows what is required to comply with the dangerous waste regulations.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-303 WAC <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-303>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

N/A

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

There is no specific application for a permit modification request. The facility must submit a written letter in hard copy and electronic format to request a modification. The following information must be in the letter: *Name, identification number, and location of facility. *Name and telephone number of the permittee's contact person. *Proposed modification class. *Modification number. *Modification description (explain why the modification is needed). *A brief description of the changes at the operation. *List of affected section in the permit and permit application. *Specific (Description of the) changes to the permit, including all of its attachments (i.e., permit application). *Any additional supporting documentation of the changes. *Public notice. *Certification statement.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

If you are applying for a significant expansion. *You must submit a Notice of Intent to the Department of Ecology 150 days before modification submittal. *You must demonstrate that the facility location meets siting criteria. Examples of siting criteria include setbacks from certain areas, such as residences, and excludes facilities from other areas, such as floodplains. If you cannot meet siting criteria, demonstrate that the changes result in an overall benefit to the environment. * Comply with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

Submittal process:

Submit all information to the Department of Ecology. Street address Department of Ecology Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program Headquarters 300 Desmond Drive Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduct

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

It typically takes one to three months to review the modification request. A review can take longer depending on the complexity and class of the modification request and availability of the Department of Ecology staff. Review time for unusual permit modification requests are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Valid duration:

For the life of the permit.

Appeal process:

You have a right to appeal the terms and conditions of a general permit, as they apply to an individual discharger, to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address:

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Analysis

Applications received:

6

Average processing time (all):

40

Average processing time (completed):

13

Legal processing time:

60 days to conduct a completeness review of application materials.120 days after receipt of the complete modification request.Subject to 60 day public comment period and 15 day public meeting notice period.

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

6

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

1095

Dangerous Waste Treatment Storage Disposal Facility - Part A - New Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1058

Description

To protect human health and the environment and ensure the facility knows what is required to comply with the dangerous waste regulations.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-303 WAC<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-303>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Washington State Dangerous Waste Permit Application: Part A Form & Instructions' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY03031.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The application must include: * Detailed procedures and methods for treating, storing, and/or disposing of dangerous waste. * Detailed engineering drawings of the proposed facility. * Training plans. * Inspection plans. * Contingency plans. Waste analysis plans. * Procedures to close the facility when operations cease. Process flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Dangerous-Waste-New-Permit-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

You must submit a Notice of Intent to the Department of Ecology at least 150 days before submitting a permit application. You must demonstrate that the proposed facility location meets siting criteria. Examples of siting criteria include setbacks from certain areas, such as residences, and exclude facilities from other areas, such as floodplains. Compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Public comments may also affect the outcome of a decision on a permit.

Submittal process:

One copy of the application must have original signatures for the certification statements. See the application instructions for how and where to submit the application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

Although not required, Ecology encourages a collaborative process for dangerous waste permit applications. It may take a proponent an average of two to three years of working with Ecology staff to develop an appropriate and complete application package. After a complete application is submitted, it takes approximately 180 days to complete the review, prepare a draft permit and a statement of basis or fact sheet, and conduct the public notice and hearing process and issue a final permit.

Valid duration:

Usually ten years.

Appeal process:

You have a right to appeal the terms and conditions of a general permit, as they apply to an individual discharger, to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address:

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

60 days to conduct a completeness review of application materials. N/A for final approval of application

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

1095

Dangerous Waste Treatment Storage Disposal Facility - Part B - Permit Renewal

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1059

Description

Permit renewals are only applicable to facilities that currently have a dangerous waste permit. Its purpose is to protect human health and the environment and to ensure that the facility knows what is required to be in compliance with the dangerous waste regulations.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-303 WAC <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-303>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

N/A

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Dangerous Waste Application Requirements: Part A Form and Instructions' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECYO3031.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The application must include: * Detailed procedures and methods for treating, storing, and/or disposing of dangerous waste. * Detailed engineering drawings of the proposed facility. * Training plans. * Inspection plans. * Contingency plans. * Waste analysis plans. * Procedures to close the facility when operations cease. * Process flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Dangerous-Waste-Permit-Renewal-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

If you are applying for a significant expansion. 1. You must submit a Notice of Intent to the Department of Ecology 330 days before your permit expires. 2. You must demonstrate that the facility location meets siting criteria. Examples of siting criteria include setbacks from certain areas, such as residences, and excludes facilities from other areas, such as floodplains. If you cannot meet siting criteria, demonstrate that the changes result in an overall benefit to the environment. * Show compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Public comments may also affect the outcome of the decision on the permit.

Submittal process:

One copy of the application must have original signatures for the certification statements.

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

It takes two to three years to review and issue a renewed permit. However, it may take longer depending on the complexity of issues in the permit and availability of Department of Ecology staff.

Valid duration:

Usually ten years.

Appeal process:

You have a right to appeal the terms and conditions of a general permit, as they apply to an individual discharger, to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address:

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

60 days to conduct a completeness review of application materials.

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

1095

Dry Cleaners (General Order)

Department of Ecology

Type: General Order

ID: 1060

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues general orders to businesses in their jurisdiction to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. We issue general order permits to commercial sources of air pollution. A general order is a category of permit that simplifies the New Source Review (NSR) air permitting process. When several sources of air pollution are similar, we can issue a streamlined NSR permit (or “general order”) for sources in that category, rather than a series of full NSR individual permits. Currently, there are seven categories of general orders for air pollution that come from commercial sources.

If you apply for a general order and we approve it, we will issue an individual Coverage Order for your facility under that specific General Order.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-400 WAC Chapter 70.94 RCW Chapter 70A.15 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$625 application fee if SEPA review is complete. \$981 application fee if SEPA review is required. No separate permit fee; annual fees for the source are assessed through the AQ Registration Program.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'General Order Application: Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaners Purchasing Less Than 2100 Gallons Per Year' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070235.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must include with your application: * State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Compliance * Application fee.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order, Ecology will consider: * The applicable laws and rules. * The contents of your application. * The background environmental conditions. Facilities that don't meet the criteria for a general order will need to apply for the individual Notice of Construction permit.

Submittal process:

Mail complete application package to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Unit PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Applicant may email the electronic version to the permit writer or contact name on the permit application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

03/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 30 days to determine if your application is incomplete, approved or denied. Applicants should receive a Coverage Order for the General Order 30 days after Ecology receives the complete application.

Valid duration:

The General Order is valid for the life of the facility or until the source either modifies the equipment or its practices.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

109

Legal processing time:

WAC 173-400-560 (application completeness determination w/i 30 days; final action w/i 30 days). WAC 173-400-171 (15 day internet posting where a comment period can be requested; 30 day comment period including prominent advertisement; if hearing held, n

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit - NPDES

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1061

Description

This general permit ensures that the wastewater discharged from fresh fruit packing facilities is properly treated as to cause no harm to water quality or to the environment.

This general permit places limits on the quantity, concentration and frequency of discharge of pollutants. It also requires certain operational conditions called Best Management Practices (BMPs). To ensure compliance with these limits and conditions, the general permit requires monitoring and reporting.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control Chapter 173-226 WAC, Waste Discharge General Permit Program

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

The annual permit fee ranges from \$275 - \$16,490 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for Coverage or Modification of Coverage Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070153.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The application should include a line drawing summarizing all wastewater flows in the facility. This should indicate all wastewater sources, wastewater volumes, chemicals used and their concentrations, pretreatment processes, wastewater discharge ID numbers and Treatment/Disposal Methods (TDMs) used as specified in Section E of the application.

Any existing facility previously under this permit and for which no significant process change has occurred or is planned, shall submit to Ecology only the Application for Coverage under this general permit at least 180 days before permit expiration.

Any new facility shall submit to Ecology, at least 90 days before any discharge, the Application for Coverage, an engineering report if a major wastewater treatment system is to be constructed, an Affidavit of Publication certifying that the public notice requirements have been met, and either a certification that SEPA requirements have been met and a copy of the SEPA determination or an explanation of what is being done to comply with SEPA requirements.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

The application should include a line drawing summarizing all wastewater flows in the facility. This should indicate all wastewater sources, wastewater volumes, chemicals used and their concentrations, pretreatment processes, wastewater discharge ID numbers and Treatment/Disposal Methods (TDMs) used as specified in Section E of the application.

Any existing facility previously under this permit and for which no significant process change has occurred or is planned, shall submit to Ecology only the Application for Coverage under this general permit at least 180 days before permit expiration.

Any new facility shall submit to Ecology, at least 90 days before any discharge, the Application for Coverage, an engineering report if a major wastewater treatment system is to be constructed, an Affidavit of Publication certifying that the public notice requirements have been met, and either a certification that SEPA requirements have been met and a copy of the SEPA determination or an explanation of what is being done to comply with SEPA requirements.

Submittal process:

Mail the complete and signed application to the Ecology Regional Office in which the facility is located. To find the appropriate regional office, visit: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Fresh-fruit-packing-general-permit>

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

WAC 173-226-200 and RCW 90.48.170: Application for permits shall be made at least 60 days prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration date, whichever is applicable.

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Your General Permit is valid for up to 5 years. Coverage for a facility begins at time of application approval and ends when the General Permit expires or your coverage is revoked. The next term of the Water Treatment Plant General Permit will expire on A

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:**Streamlining opportunities:**

Modernize our processes using new or improved technology

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Individual NPDES Permit - Municipal

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1063

Description

This permit is for any discharge of domestic wastewater into surface waters.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control Chapter 173-220 WAC, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

Application fee: 25 percent of the annual permit fee, or \$250, whichever is greater. (First-time applicants only) Permit fee: \$150 - \$1,376,926 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

NPDES application forms <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-applications-and-forms-epa-applications>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The application may require attachments and Ecology may request additional information after a preliminary review of the application.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology (during the public comment period) to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Process flowchart

Application/Submittal last updated:

Email or paper mail for new applications. Paper applications may be mailed to the Ecology region office.

Review/Approval time:

For a new permit, Ecology will inform permit applicants in writing whether their application is complete within 60 days of receipt. If the application is deemed incomplete, Ecology will itemize what is needed to make the application complete.

Ecology will work with applicants to develop a permit issuance schedule that recognizes the applicants' business needs.

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Ecology typically issues individual permits for five years, which is the maximum duration.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Legal processing time:

180 days or sufficient time to insure compliance with water quality standards.

Streamlining opportunities:

None

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Individual NPDES Permit - Reclaimed water

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1064

Description

A Reclaimed Water permit is issued to an owner of a facility generating reclaimed water to regulate the quality, distribution, and use of the reclaimed water.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.46 RCW, Reclaimed Water Use, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control Chapter 173-219 WAC, Reclaimed Water

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

Application fee: 25 percent of the annual permit fee, or \$250, whichever is greater. (First-time applicants only) Permit fee: \$150 - \$216,927 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

State Permit Application for the Generation, Distribution, and Use of Reclaimed Water, <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summarypages/ecy070180.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The application may require attachments and Ecology may request additional information after a preliminary review of the application.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology (during the public comment period) to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Process flowchart

Application/Submittal last updated:

Email or paper mail for new applications. Paper applications may be mailed to the Ecology region office.

Review/Approval time:

For a new permit, Ecology will inform permit applicants in writing whether their application is complete within 60 days of receipt. If the application is deemed incomplete, Ecology will itemize what is needed to make the application complete.

Ecology will work with applicants to develop a permit issuance schedule that recognizes the applicants' business needs.

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Ecology typically issues individual permits for five years, which is the maximum duration.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

90 days to assess the application, no time specified to develop the permit

Streamlining opportunities:

None

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Individual NPDES Permit -Industrial

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1062

Description

This permit is for any discharge of wastewater and/or stormwater into surface waters through a conveyance system for which Ecology has not developed a general permit.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution ControlChapter 173-220 WAC, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

Application fee: 25 percent of the annual permit fee, or \$250, whichever is greater. (First-time applicants only) Permit fee: \$150 - \$176,700 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48.465>WAC 173-224

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

NPDES application forms<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-applications-and-forms-epa-applications>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The application may require attachments and Ecology may request additional information after a preliminary review of the application.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology (during the public comment period) to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Process flowchart

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

For a new permit, Ecology will inform permit applicants in writing whether their application is complete within 60 days of receipt. If the application is deemed incomplete, Ecology will itemize what is needed to make the application complete.

Ecology will work with applicants to develop a permit issuance schedule that recognizes the applicants' business needs.

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Ecology typically issues individual permits for five years, which is the maximum duration.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

6

Average processing time (all):

233

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

180 days or sufficient time to insure compliance with water quality standards.

Streamlining opportunities:

None

Pending applications:

5

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Individual State Waste Discharge Permit - Industrial Wastewater to a Publicly-Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

Department of Ecology

Type: permit

ID: 1102

Description

This permit is for businesses discharging wastewater into a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) as a result of commercial or industrial processes.

Legal authority

RCW 90.48WAC 173-216

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

Application fee: 25 percent of the annual permit fee, or \$250, whichever is greater. (First-time applicants only)

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465WAC 173-224

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Application for a State Waste Discharge Permit to Discharge Industrial Wastewater to a Publicly - Owned Treatment Works (POTW), <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ecy040177.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

State-Wastewater-Discharge-Permit-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public review. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30 day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Submit by email to the appropriate Ecology regional office. Hard copies can also be mailed to the Ecology region office.

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

60 days - if Ecology has not taken action on the application in 60 days, the applicant is deemed to have a "temporary permit"
RCW 90.48.200

Valid duration:

5 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within

30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

If Ecology has not taken action on the application in 60 days, the applicant is deemed to have a "temporary permit" RCW 90.48.200

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes:

Pending applications:

Explanation:

Backlog applications:

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Individual State Wastewater Discharge Permit – Domestic Wastewater to Ground Water by Land Treatment or Application

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1084

Description

This permit is for municipalities or private entities discharging domestic wastewater into ground waters.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

Application fee: 25 percent of the annual permit fee, or \$250, whichever is greater. (First-time applicants only) Annual permit fee: \$150 - \$21,455 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-224 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application For A State Waste Discharge Permit to Discharge Domestic Wastewater To Ground Water by Land Treatment or Application' and is online and can be accessed at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ecy040178.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

See application.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public review. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30 day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Submit by email to the appropriate Ecology regional office. Hard copies can also be mailed to the Ecology region office.

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

60 days - if Ecology has not taken action on the application in 60 days, the applicant is deemed to have a "temporary permit" RCW 90.48.200

Valid duration:

5 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

1

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

If Ecology has not taken action on the application in 60 days, the applicant is deemed to have a "temporary permit" RCW 90.48.200

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes:

Pending applications:

1

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Individual State Wastewater Discharge Permit – Industrial to Ground Water by Land Treatment or Application

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1072

Description

State waste discharge permits prevent pollution of groundwater by limiting the discharge of pollutants. Facilities that discharge wastewater pollutants to land must apply for a state waste discharge permit.

For more information see permits

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/1992

Comment:

Application fee: 25 percent of the annual permit fee, or \$250, whichever is greater. (First-time applicants only) Permit fee: \$150 - \$58,900 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See the permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224>

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-224 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'State Application - Industrial Wastewater to Groundwater (Form 040-179)' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Water-Quality-individual-permits#forms>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

See application.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public review. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30 day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Contact the permit coordinator in your region at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits>.

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

Any person not exempt under WAC 173-216-050, who proposes to discharge waste materials into waters of the state or into a municipal sewerage system, must file an application with the department at least 60 days prior to discharging, or in the case of an expiring permit, at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the permit. See WAC 173-216-070(1).

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Permits are typically valid for five years.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

8

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

If Ecology has not taken action on the application in 60 days, the applicant is deemed to have a "temporary permit" RCW 90.48.200

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

3

Backlog applications:

1

Explanation:

no permits issued3 permitted under "temporary" status per RCW 90.48.200 (automatic 60 days)1 received 12/11/2024, not yet processed"

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Industrial Stormwater General Permit Coverage

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1065

Description

Stormwater can pick up pollution from factories and businesses. Those contaminants are carried into waterways and harm fish and other aquatic life. The Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP) helps industrial facilities comply with federal and state regulations that reduce pollution. Most industrial sites in Washington are required to monitor, measure, and reduce stormwater pollution leaving their site. The Industrial Stormwater General Permit is one of the state's key tools to protect water quality in Washington's lakes, streams, and rivers and in the Puget Sound.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control Chapter 173-226 WAC, Waste Discharge General Permit

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

The annual permit fee ranges from \$200 - \$3,400 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Through the WQ Web Portal that uses Secure Access Washington. <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Facilities that meet the permit definition of 'new discharger' that propose to discharge stormwater to an impaired waterbody on the state's 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies are required to submit additional documentation to allow Ecology to make an affirmative determination that the proposed discharge will not cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards in the impaired waterbody. New dischargers and new facilities are also required to do a public notice. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30-day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. Process flow chart: http://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Schematics_N-Z/NPDES-Industrial-Stormwater-General-Permit-Schematics.pdf Termination process flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Industrial-Stormwater-Permit-Termination-Process-Schematics.pdf Transfer process flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Industrial-Stormwater-Permit-Transfer-Process-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions. For new discharges and new facilities: If any comments are received during the public notice, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making a permit decision. In addition, see 'Do I need to include anything with my application?'

Submittal process:

Please use the WQWebPortal to fill out and submit your application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2024

Review/Approval time:

Final determinations on new applications for coverage under the industrial stormwater general permit are typically issued within 45 days of receiving an applicant's complete notice of intent. It may take longer than 45 days for Ecology to review the application if: * If the application is incomplete. * If more site-specific information is required. * If the public requests a public hearing. * If members of the public file comments. * When more information is necessary to determine whether coverage under the general permit is appropriate. When more review time is needed, Ecology will: * Notify the applicant in writing within 30 days and explain the issues the applicant must resolve before a decision can be reached. * Submit the final decision to the applicant in writing. If Ecology approves the application for coverage, coverage begins the 31st day following approval, or the date the approval letter is issued, whichever is later.

Valid duration:

Statewide general permits are reissued every five years. You must submit a renewal application to Ecology at least 180 days before the expiration date of the current general permit to continue permit coverage under the reissued general permit.

As part

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis**Applications received:**

50

Average processing time (all):

79

Average processing time (completed):

75

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Legal processing time:

Unless otherwise specified in writing, coverage automatically commences on the 31st day following receipt of a COMPLETE application by Ecology

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

16

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1066

Description

This permit allows the regulated use of pesticides, herbicides, algaecides, adjuvants, tracer dyes, and marker dyes to control the growth of aquatic plants and algae within irrigation systems that flow to fresh surface waters of the State of Washington.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-224 WAC, Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224>
Chapter 173-226 WAC, Waste Discharge General Permit Program <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-226>
Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

The annual permit is \$710 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040> "Ecology will bill you for permit fees after permit coverage is issued."

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

In addition to the permit application, the applicant must submit: Maps with the boundaries of the irrigation system, Points of compliance (Permit Section 4) and Pesticide application locations (Permit Section 5). A completed and signed State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist is also necessary unless SEPA is completed at the local level. If SEPA is completed at a local level, include a completed and signed SEPA determination with your permit application. SEPA forms are available here: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-document-templates>.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30 day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Please use the WQWebPortal to fill out and submit your application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2023

Review/Approval time:

See the Permit Timeliness Results below for average processing times. New permittees must submit a complete application

form at least 90 days prior to the planned activity that will result in the discharge to waters of the state. Permittees with an existing permit must reapply for coverage at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of this permit.

Valid duration:

5 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

60

Laboratory Accreditation - New

Department of Ecology

Type: Other

ID: 1067

Description

Labs that analyze environmental and drinking water samples must be capable of providing accurate and defensible analytical data. In Washington, labs must receive accreditation through the Department of Ecology to ensure they are conducting analyses according to prescribed methods.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-216, State Waste Discharge Permit Program WACChapter 173-220, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program WACChapter 173-226, Waste Discharge General Permit Program WACChapter 173-340, Model Toxics Control Act--Cleanup WACChapter 173-50, Accreditation of Environmental Laboratories WACChapter 246-390 Drinking Water Laboratory Certification WACChapter 43.21A.230, Certification of environmental laboratories authorized RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2024

Comment:

The minimum fee for accreditation is \$300 annually. The total cost will depend on the number and complexity of tests for which the laboratory is requesting accreditation. See the fee structure in WAC 173-50-90. Once the laboratory is accredited, Ecology will send the lab an invoice to collect the fees.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 43.21A.230RCW 43.21A.445WAC 173-50-190

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for Environmental Laboratory Accreditation' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY07004.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The lab must submit a copy of its current Quality Assurance Manual and proficiency testing sample reports; refer to the application for more detail. Applicants should contact Ecology to find out if they need to submit anything else with the initial application form.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Yes. When making the decision on accreditation, Ecology will review and evaluate the lab's Quality Assurance Manual, proficiency testing sample reports, and conduct an audit. Ecology may request additional documents as part of the review.

Submittal process:

The lab must submit the application and required documents to Ecology's Laboratory Accreditation Unit. You can find more information about the lab accreditation process at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Laboratory-Accred>

Application/Submittal last updated:

12/2019

Review/Approval time:

The length of time for the review depends on the completeness of the lab's submission, the complexity of the procedures for which the lab is requesting accreditation, and the availability of Ecology staff.

Valid duration:

The accreditation is valid for one year. A lab must apply to renew its accreditation annually before the expiration date of its current accreditation, successfully complete semiannual proficiency testing studies, and undergo periodic on-site assessments.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. “Date of receipt” is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

10

Average processing time (all):

91

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

365

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

-99

Explanation:

N/A

Laboratory Accreditation - Renewal

Department of Ecology

Type: Other

ID: 1086

Description

Labs that analyze environmental and drinking water samples must be capable of providing accurate and defensible analytical data. In Washington, labs must receive accreditation through the Department of Ecology to ensure they are conducting analyses according to prescribed methods.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-216, State Waste Discharge Permit Program WACChapter 173-220, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program WACChapter 173-226, Waste Discharge General Permit Program WACChapter 173-340, Model Toxics Control Act--Cleanup WACChapter 173-50, Accreditation of Environmental Laboratories WACChapter 246-390 Drinking Water Laboratory Certification WACChapter 43.21A.230, Certification of environmental laboratories authorized RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2024

Comment:

The minimum fee for accreditation is \$300 annually. The total cost will depend on the number and complexity of tests for which the laboratory is requesting accreditation. See the fee structure in WAC 173-50-90. Once the laboratory is accredited, Ecology will send the lab an invoice to collect the fees.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-50-190

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

We notify environmental labs six weeks before accreditation expires with a renewal application and a report of your lab's currently requested parameters. Contact Louise White if you do not receive a renewal application and/or when you are ready to submit your completed renewal application. Laboratory Accreditation: Prepare for the Next Renewal - <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2303019.pdf>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

The lab must submit a copy of its current Quality Assurance Manual and proficiency testing sample reports; refer to the application for more detail. Applicants should contact Ecology to find out if they need to submit anything else with the initial application form.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on accreditation, Ecology will review and evaluate the lab's Quality Assurance Manual, proficiency testing sample reports, and conduct an audit. Ecology may request additional documents as part of the review.

Submittal process:

The lab must submit the application and required documents to Ecology's Laboratory Accreditation Unit. You can find more information about the lab accreditation process at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Laboratory-Accre>

Application/Submittal last updated:

12/2019

Review/Approval time:

The length of time for the review depends on the completeness of the lab's submission, the complexity of the procedures for which the lab is requesting accreditation, and the availability of Ecology staff.

Valid duration:

The accreditation is valid for one year. A lab must apply to renew its accreditation annually before the expiration date of its current accreditation, successfully complete semiannual proficiency testing studies, and undergo periodic on-site assessments.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

419

Average processing time (all):

32

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

41

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

-99

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

30

NPDES MS4 Stormwater General Permits

Department of Ecology

Type: permit

ID: 1043

Description

This permit regulates municipalities and other public entities, including WSDOT, that collect stormwater runoff in municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and discharge to waters of the state. The permit requires development and implementation of a stormwater management program to reduce the contamination of stormwater runoff and prohibit illicit discharges. It is a combined National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

Legal authority

RCW 90.48 WAC 173-220 NPDES PermitsWAC 173-201 WQ standards for surface waters of Wa.Title 40 CFR Protection of the Environment

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

The permit fees range from \$3,000 to\$76,916After Ecology accepts the application, there is an invoice for an annual permit fee, which is which is based on permit type (e.g. Phase I, Phase II).Permit fees change over time, so please check the Permit Fee schedule in WAC 173-224-040.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

Electronic application and submittal. Permittee submits application through the WQWebPortal. The application is called Notice of Intent (NOI) for Coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater General Permit and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070207.html>

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Application form includes attachment of a map.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

The application for coverage has a public review requirement. WAC 173-226-130(5)

Submittal process:

The application is submitted online thorough the WQWebPortal system. The application is a short form to fill out electroincally.

Application/Submittal last updated:

02/2024

Review/Approval time:

Permit coverage will not be granted sooner than 31 days after the date of the second public notice.

Valid duration:

Ecology general permits are reissued every 5 years.

Appeal process:

You have a right to appeal this permit coverage to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the permit issuance. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. Date of receipt is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of receipt of permit issuance notice:File your appeal and

a copy of this notice with the PCHB. Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.Serve a copy of your appeal and this notice on Ecology in paper form-by mail or in person. Email is not accepted.PCHB 1111 Isreal Rd SW, Suite 301 Tumwater, Wa 98501, PO Box 40903 Olympia, Wa 98504Department of Ecology Attn:Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, Wa 98504

Analysis

Applications received:

152

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

90

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

180

Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1068

Description

The Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit was developed to prevent significant environmental impacts on air quality from large industrial sources of air pollution. The permit applies to new or modified air pollution sources that are classified as “major” relative to air pollution emissions potential, and that are proposing construction projects that may “significantly” increase their air pollutant emissions.

Under the PSD program, the projects demonstrate that they are designed in a way to ensure compliance with air quality regulations that protect human health and the environment. The PSD application process is complex and requires applicants to conduct engineering evaluations and computer modeling to demonstrate the proposed project will meet air quality standards.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-400-700 to 750, General regulations for air pollution sources WAC

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

The initial fee for new or modified permits for new major stationary source or major modification is \$18,80 and covers 158 hours of review. The initial fee for an administrative permit amendment is \$2,380 for 20 hours of review. Please contact PSD section for eligibility prior to submittal. The initial fee for all other PSD permit revision is \$4,760 for 40 hours of review. Permit extension is a flat fee of \$625. The initial fee for Plant-wide applicability emission limit: emission limit is \$18,80 and covers 158 hours of review. The initial fee for Plant-wide applicability emission limit: all other requests. Other requests may include increasing a limit, renewing a limit, or processing an expired limit is \$9,401 for 79 hours of review. Please contact Ecology before submittal. Ecology will bill you \$119 per hour for each hour worked beyond the initial hours.

You must pay the bill before we will issue your permit or finalize an action or decision. The annual fee for the source is captured in the annual Air Operating Permit fee.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Applicability Determination' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070413.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

A PSD application typically contains the following information:

Process description. Operational limits. Best Available Control Technology (BACT). Allowable emission rates. Results of on-site measurements. Results of air quality impact modeling. Results of air-quality-related values (AQRV) assessment, such as impacts on national parks and wildlife areas. All emissions calculations

Ecology recommends the source schedule a pre-application meeting to provide guidance on what specifically needs to be included in the PSD application for the proposed project.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and EPA consultation on impacts related to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Historical Preservation Acts (HPA) must be complete before the permit can be issued. These processes occur outside of the PSD process.

Submittal process:

The application is submitted to:

Washington State Department of Ecology
Air Quality Program
Science and Engineering Section
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600

Application/Submittal last updated:

03/2020

Review/Approval time:

The minimum time period is 120 days: *30 days for completeness determination.*60 days for permit writing.30 days for public comment.Ecology will inform permit applicants in writing whether their application is complete within 30 calendar days of receipt.After receiving a complete application, Ecology issues a draft PSD permit and Technical Support Document (TSD). These are distributed and Ecology holds a 30-day public comment period. All interested parties may submit written comments on the draft PSD permit. Ecology will review the comments and determine if a public hearing is necessary. If a hearing is held, Ecology will hear testimony from the interested parties before issuing a decision. An administrative PSD amendment does not require a public comment period.Final PSD permit determinations will be issued as promptly as possible after the public comment period is closed.

Valid duration:

Once issued the permit does not expire unless cancelled by the applicant.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

3

Average processing time (all):

384

Average processing time (completed):

130

Legal processing time:

WAC 173-400-730 (30 days to determine complete; within one year of the date of complete application and expeditiously as possible after close of the pubic comment period to issue the final determination. WAC 173-400-740 (publication in a newspaper;

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers; Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

365

Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1103

Description

The Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit is designed to address excess nutrients from the 58 domestic WWTPs discharging to marine and estuarine water of the Salish Sea in Washington. The Permit focuses only on controlling nutrients and works in conjunction with existing individual permits for facilities.

Legal authority

RCW 90.48

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

\$0.31 per residential equivalent, or \$250 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 and 173-224 WAC

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

You must apply for the permit online, through Secure Access Washington. Step 1: If you haven't already, you will need to sign up for a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account [<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/myAccess/saw/select.do>]. SAW is the state of Washington's secure portal to access and submit applications. Start by clicking the "Sign Up!" button. SAW will send you an email to activate your account (check your spam or junk folder). Step 2: Add the Water Quality Permitting Portal to your SAW account: a. Inside SAW, click "add a new service". b. Click the "browse by agency" option, scroll to and select "Department of Ecology". c. Then scroll to "Water Quality Permitting Portal" and click "apply". Step 3: Find the "Water Quality Permitting Portal", click "Access Now" to open the portal. a. Under "Apply for Coverage," click "NOI: General Permit Coverage – Renewal - Notice of Intent". b. Find "Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit" on the list, and click "New". d. Enter information on each tab of the Notice of Intent (NOI) application. e. When completed, click "Save and Continue" at the bottom. f. Sign and mail the hard copy paper NOI form to Ecology at Mail to: Department of Ecology Water Quality Program Attn: Aquatic Pesticide Permit Manager PO Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504g. Include a map of the proposed treatment areas, a SEPA checklist, and any required plans. Step 4: Set-up your electronic signature account. You must create an electronic signature account and mail-in your electronic signature agreement form (ESAF) to Ecology first. Once Ecology approves your ESAF, you will have access to your permit coverage information and be able to sign and submit documents online.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Please see the application for details.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your application, Ecology will consider the laws and rules that apply and the contents of your application. In addition, the permitting process includes public participation. This means the public may submit comments to Ecology (during the 30-day public comment period) to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and consider them when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

You must apply for the permit online, through Secure Access Washington (SAW). See the 'Notes' section for more information on applying through SAW. You must also submit a signed hard copy of your application to Ecology. Mail to: Department of Ecology

Application/Submittal last updated:

Never

Review/Approval time:

No permits have been issued to track processing time.

Valid duration:

Five years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

120

Pending applications:**Explanation:****Backlog applications:**

Reservoir Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1074

Description

A water right is a legal authorization to use a predefined quantity of public water for a designated beneficial use. Beneficial use involves using a reasonable quantity of water, such as irrigation, domestic water supply, or power generation, to name a few. The reservoir permit provides a legal water right to artificially store water in a reservoir and use it beneficially.

Legal authority

Chapter 90.03.370 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=90.03.370>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

50

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2005

Comment:

Fees vary depending on amount of water. There is a minimum \$50 application fee. The fee to appropriate new water will be assessed at the rate of \$1 per one hundredth cubic foot per second (cfs), and the fee for new water-storage projects will be \$2 per acre-foot of storage. The maximum application fee to appropriate or store water is \$25,000. All fees are non-refundable per RCW 90.03.470(13). <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=90.03.470>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.03.470 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=90.03.470>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application For Reservoir Permit,' is online, and can be accessed at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summarypages/ecy040160.html> Applications are accepted by mail, in paper form.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Pre-application consultation is highly recommended prior to filing an application. Here's how: * Download and complete the Pre-Application Consultation Form. Do your best to complete all sections of the form and we will discuss any incomplete sections at the meeting. * E-mail the completed form to wrPreApp@ecy.wa.gov. If you cannot e-mail the form, please mail it to the regional office where your project is located. See the pre-application form for mailing addresses. Applications must include maps, location of point of withdrawal, place of use, identification of the beneficial use proposed, assessment of existing rights in the affected area, sufficient hydrogeologic information for determining if water is available, and information sufficient for Ecology to determine that impairment to senior water rights will not occur.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on a permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of the application, and the background environmental conditions. This permit would be coordinated with the dam construction permit, if one is required for a surface water reservoir. Water use reporting is required. Water right permits require full beneficial use within a certain period of time for the water to be "perfected." Permits can be extended for good cause. Once full use of the permit has occurred, the applicant must certificate their water right through submittal of a proof of appropriation.

Submittal process:

After completing the pre-application process, application and fees are mailed to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Section PO Box 47611 Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2005

Review/Approval time:

The time to make a decision on an application takes about 1,900 days, on average, but permit decisions might result in denial. The time it takes Ecology to review an application will depend on: water location, water availability, project complexity, and other applications competing for the same source of water. A significant backlog of pending water right applications exists in many watersheds. However, opportunities to expedite processing are available via the cost reimbursement process. In addition, an application may qualify for priority processing due to public health or environmental reasons (See Chapter 173-152 WAC).

Valid duration:

A reservoir permit must be put to use within a timeframe specified by the permit development schedule. Once the permit has been put to use, the state may issue a Reservoir Certificate. Permits can be extended for good cause. Once full use of the perm

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

2

Average processing time (all):

1893

Average processing time (completed):

1891

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

1923

Legal processing time:

• There is no statutorily or administratively prescribed decision timelines for processing reservoir permit applications. • The actual time will vary according to location, water availability, complexity, and the number of other applications competing fo

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

-99

Backlog applications:

47

Explanation:

We built up a backlog decades ago: • Pre-2020 applications didn't require the applicant to provide evidence and data. Ecology Permit Writers were expected to investigate availability and impacts, which took more time to review than could be spent making

Sand & Gravel General Permit for Non-Portable Facilities - NPDES

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1069

Description

To ensure that sand and gravel mining operations prevent pollution within their process water, stormwater and mine dewatering water discharges to groundwater or surface water.

This permit is required under federal and state water quality law (Federal Clean Water Act and (State Water Pollution Control Act).

Legal authority

Chapter 173-226 Waste Discharge General Permit Program WACChapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCWFederal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (Clean Water Act)

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

Fees range from \$165 - \$2,700 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 174-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Sand-Gravel-General-Permit>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Yes, on a separate sheet of paper include a site map that identifies: Outfall points and outfall point identifier(s) Monitoring / Sampling points identifier(s) Drainage and discharge structures Nearby and on-site surface water bodies Outline of the drainage areas for each discharge point including discharges to ground water All areas associated with industrial activities Lands adjacent to the site, where helpful in identifying discharge points or drainage routes Note that a new facility wanting coverage under this permit must conduct a public notice announcement in the newspaper. The applicant must publish public notice once each week for two consecutive weeks (twice), at least seven days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the discharge is proposed. Coverage may be issued 30 days after the second public notice.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Permit coverage cannot be issued to a new facility unless applicable State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements have been satisfied. SEPA review, city permits, and county permits must include all the activities that the facility will be performing.

A complete application must also include certification that the public notice requirements have been met. If comments are received during the public comment period, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

To the Department of Ecology, requires an electronic application using Ecology's eNOI system: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Sand-Gravel-General-Permit>

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2021

Review/Approval time:

See the Permit Timeliness Results for average processing times.

Valid duration:

5 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

-99

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

-99

Backlog applications:

-99

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

90

Sand & Gravel General Permit for Portable Facilities (NPDES)

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1070

Description

To ensure that portable concrete batch plants, asphalt batch plants, and rock crusher operations prevent pollution within their process water, stormwater and mine dewatering water discharges to groundwater or surface water. A portable facility can operate anywhere within Washington State as long as it is in compliance with permit conditions.

This permit is required under federal and state water quality law (Federal Clean Water Act and (State Water Pollution Control Act).

Legal authority

Chapter 173-200 Water Quality standards for Groundwaters of the State of Washington WACChapter 173-201A Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington WACChapter 173-220 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program WACChapter 173-224 Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees WACChapter 173-226 Waste Discharge General Permit Program WACChapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCWFederal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (Clean Water Act)

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

Fees range from \$165 - \$2,700 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise.

Legal authority for fees:

Chapter 173-224 WAC, Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-224>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Notice of Intent (NOI)' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Sand-Gravel-General-Permit>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

For each site portable operations must submit a form notifying Ecology when beginning work at a new location. This is called the "Portable Beginning of Operation Notice" and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy07036.html>. Note that a new facility wanting coverage under this permit must conduct a public notice announcement in the newspaper. The applicant must publish public notice once each week for two consecutive weeks (twice), at least seven days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the discharge is proposed. Coverage may be issued 30 days after the second public notice. Process flow chart: NPDES-Sand-Gravel-Portable-State-Waste-Discharge-Permit-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

Permit coverage cannot be issued to a new facility unless applicable State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements have been satisfied. SEPA review, city permits, and county permits must include the activity that the portable facility will be performing. All air quality requirements must also be met. A complete application must also include certification that the public notice requirements have been met. If comments are received during the public comment period, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

To the Department of Ecology, requires an electronic application using Ecology's eNOI system: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Sand-Gravel-General-Permit>.

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2021

Review/Approval time:

See the Permit Timeliness Results for average processing times.

Valid duration:

5 years

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

9

Average processing time (all):

66

Average processing time (completed):

48

Legal processing time:**Streamlining opportunities:**

N/A

Pending applications:

17

Backlog applications:

-99

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Explanation:

(portable and non-portable are not separated in the database)

Small Water and Steam-Generating Boiler (General Order)

Department of Ecology

Type: General Order

ID: 1071

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues general orders to businesses in their jurisdiction to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. We issue general order permits to commercial sources of air pollution. A general order is a category of permit that simplifies the New Source Review (NSR) air permitting process. When several sources of air pollution are similar, we can issue a streamlined NSR permit (or “general order”) for sources in that category, rather than a series of full NSR individual permits. Currently, there are seven categories of general orders for air pollution that come from commercial sources.

If you apply for a general order and we approve it, we will issue an individual Coverage Order for your facility under that specific General Order.

Legal authority

Chapter 173.400 WAC Chapter 70.94 RCW Chapter 70A.15 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$625 application fee if SEPA review is complete. \$981 application fee if SEPA review is required. No separate permit fee; annual fees for the source are assessed through the AQ Registration Program.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'General Order Application: Small Water Heaters and Steam Generating Boilers' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070344.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must include with your application: * The manufacturer's specification sheets with emissions guarantee for the water heater or boiler. * State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Compliance * Application fee.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order, Ecology will consider: * The applicable laws and rules. * The contents of your application. * The background environmental conditions. Facilities that don't meet the criteria for a general order will need to apply for the individual Notice of Construction permit.

Submittal process:

Mail complete application package to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Unit PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Applicant may email the electronic version to the permit writer or contact name on the permit application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

03/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 30 days to determine if your application is incomplete, approved or denied. Applicants should receive a Coverage Order for the General Order 30 days after Ecology receives the complete application.

Valid duration:

The General Order is valid for the life of the facility or until the source either modifies the equipment or its practices.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:**Average processing time (all):****Average processing time (completed):****Legal processing time:**

WAC 173-400-560 (application completeness determination w/i 30 days; final action w/i 30 days). WAC 173-400-171 (15 day internet posting where a comment period can be requested; 30 day comment period including prominent advertisement; if hearing held, n

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:**Explanation:**

N/A

Backlog applications:**Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):****Recommended processing time:**

Stationary or Portable Rock Crushers (General Order)

Department of Ecology

Type: General Order

ID: 1073

Description

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issues general orders to businesses in their jurisdiction to make sure Washington meets state and federal air quality requirements. We issue general order permits to commercial sources of air pollution. A general order is a category of permit that simplifies the New Source Review (NSR) air permitting process. When several sources of air pollution are similar, we can issue a streamlined NSR permit (or “general order”) for sources in that category, rather than a series of full NSR individual permits. Currently, there are seven categories of general orders for air pollution that come from commercial sources.

If you apply for a general order and we approve it, we will issue an individual Coverage Order for your facility under that specific General Order.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-400 WAC Chapter 70.94 RCW Chapter 70A.15 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

\$625 application fee if SEPA review is complete. \$981 application fee if SEPA review is required. No separate permit fee; annual fees for the source are assessed through the AQ Registration Program.

Legal authority for fees:

WAC 173-455-120 Table 4 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-455-120&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'General Order Application: Portable Rock Crusher' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070237.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must include with your application: * The manufacturer specification sheets for the asphalt plant, including dryer drum, baghouse, burner, and power generators * State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Compliance * Application fee. Please see the application for all the details: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070237.html>

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order, Ecology will consider: * The applicable laws and rules. * The contents of your application. * The background environmental conditions. Facilities that don't meet the criteria for a general order will need to apply for the individual Notice of Construction permit.

Submittal process:

Send your complete application package to the address provided on the application.

Application/Submittal last updated:

03/2020

Review/Approval time:

Ecology has 30 days to determine if your application is incomplete, approved or denied. Applicants should receive a Coverage Order for the General Order 30 days after Ecology receives the complete application.

Valid duration:

The General Order is valid for the life of the facility or until the source either modifies the equipment or its practices.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

6

Average processing time (all):

75

Average processing time (completed):

42

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

109

Legal processing time:

WAC 173-400-560 (application completeness determination w/i 30 days; final action w/i 30 days). WAC 173-400-171 (15 day internet posting where a comment period can be requested; 30 day comment period including prominent advertisement; if hearing held, n

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve communications with customers

Pending applications:

2

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Upland Fin-Fish Hatching and Rearing General Permit - NPDES

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1075

Description

This statewide permit applies to upland aquaculture facilities or operations that discharge fish rearing water to a surface water body or a system that drains to a surface water body.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-221A Wastewater Discharge Standards and Effluent Limitations WACChapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCWFederal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (Clean Water Act)

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

"\$4,126 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>"

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48.465> WAC 173-224 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Request for Coverage under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Upland Fin-fish Hatching and Rearing Permit Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY04072.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

See application.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

In addition, the permitting process includes public review. This means that the public may submit comments to Ecology during the 30 day public comment period to support or oppose your proposed activity. If any comments are received, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Water Quality Program at the appropriate office. Southwest Regional Office (including Vancouver Field Office) Counties: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2021

Review/Approval time:

WAC 173-226-200 and RCW 90.48.170: Application for permits shall be made at least 60 days prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration date, whichever is applicable.

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

General permits are issued for a 5 year period. During that 5 year span, your permit coverage is valid from the day your permit coverage is issued to the day the permit expires at the end of the 5 years. Coverage may be cancelled before the end of the 5 y

Appeal process:

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Analysis

Applications received:

2

Average processing time (all):

135

Average processing time (completed):

45

Legal processing time:**Streamlining opportunities:**

None

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1076

Description

The Vessel Deconstruction General Permit is a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit that regulates the deconstruction of vessels. The permit controls the discharge of pollutants from stormwater, drydock floodwater, and non-stormwater discharges associated with vessel deconstruction activities into waters of the state.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-226 WAC Chapter 90.48 RCW Environmental Protection Agency

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

Permit fees range from \$3,160 - \$18,700 are set by rule and are found in Chapter 173-224 WAC (see Vessel Deconstruction).

Fee amounts can change, so please consult the WAC 173-224 or call the Ecology Regional Office for the current amount.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Notice of Intent - Vessel Deconstruction Permit' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Vessel-Deconstruction-General-Permit>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Yes, Ecology must receive the documents below to consider the application complete. Solid Waste Disposal Plan Deconstruction and Site Management Plan Verification of hazardous materials testing for all anticipated waste streams
If your site discharges to an impaired waterbody on the state's 303(d) list, Ecology may require additional documentation before issuing permit coverage and these sites may be subject to additional requirements.

Note: A new facility applying for coverage under this permit must publish a public notice announcement, once each week for two consecutive weeks (twice), at least seven days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the discharge is proposed. Coverage may be issued 30 days after the second public notice.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

If your site discharges to an impaired waterbody on the state's 303(d) list, Ecology may require additional documentation before issuing permit coverage.

Applicable State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements must be satisfied.

Ecology must review and respond to any public comments and consider them when making the decision to issue or deny permit coverage.

Submittal process:

Washington Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program - Vessel Deconstruction
PO Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2019

Review/Approval time:

No permits have been issued to track processing time.

Valid duration:

Ecology reissues all vessel deconstruction general permits every 5 years. All facilities with permit coverage must reapply for coverage 180 days before the expiration date. The current permit expires on December 5, 2024.

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608 E-Mail Address: ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

Analysis

Applications received:

0

Average processing time (all):

0

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification

Department of Ecology

Type: Certification

ID: 1077

Description

When wastewater treatment plants are properly operated, public health and the state's waters are protected. This certification program is working to help ensure that operators meet the established requirements and are competent to operate and maintain wastewater treatment plants.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-230 WAC, Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Plants WACChapter 70.95B RCW, Domestic Waste Treatment Plants--Operators

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

07/2023

Comment:

Group I Operator in Training: \$75Group II - Group IV Operator in Training: \$125

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY0402131.html>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Certificates of training and continuing education courses.Transcripts or unaltered copies of all college credits.If applicable, a copy of your valid out-of-state Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certificate.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

The certification is not a permit. Certificates may be revoked when the Department of Ecology (Ecology) director finds:Fraud or deceit in obtaining the certificate.Gross negligence in the operation of a wastewater treatment plant.Violation of the requirements of this Chapter 173-230 WAC or the statute it implements or of any lawful rule, regulation or order of Ecology.For more details see the Notes/Comments section.

Submittal process:

You can complete the application online or print it out and complete it by hand. Then mail the completed application and \$50 application fee to:

Department of Ecology
Cashiering Unit
PO Box 47611
Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/1973

Review/Approval time:

The application submittal process allows Operator Certification staff up to 60 days to review and approve the application for testing.

Valid duration:

Except for a temporary certification, a certificate is valid from January 1 until December 31 of the same year or the year designated by Ecology. Except for a temporary certification, a certificate is renewable only when the certificate holder demonstrate

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

450

Average processing time (all):

120

Average processing time (completed):

90

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

8

Backlog applications:

154

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

120

Water Right Change of Transfer

Department of Ecology

Type: Modification

ID: 1078

Description

A water right is a legal authorization to use a predefined quantity of public water for a designated beneficial use. Beneficial use involves using a reasonable quantity of water for non-wasteful use, such as irrigation, domestic water supply, or power generation, to name a few. People with a valid water right permit, certificate, or claim may request authorization from Ecology to change certain elements of their water right.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-152 WAC Chapter 90.03 RCW Chapter 90.14 RCW Chapter 90.44 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

50

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2005

Comment:

There is a minimum \$50 application fee. Any additional fees will depend on the amount of water the applicant is proposing to use and will need to be paid upfront to consider the application complete. The fee to change, transfer, or amend an existing water-right certificate or claim is fifty cents per one-hundredth cfs of water. The fee to change a storage water right is \$1 for each acre-foot of water. The maximum fee for changing an existing water right or water-storage project is \$12,500. For a change, transfer, or amendment involving a single project operating under more than one water right, only one examination fee and one certificate fee are required. This includes related secondary diversion rights or the consolidation of multiple water rights. Fees are non-refundable, so do not send additional fees until you are notified of the amount. Ecology will bill you any additional amount owed. Once billed, you will have 60 days to pay, or we will reject your application.

Individual County Water Conservancy Boards set their own fees. PRE-APPLICATION Before you spend money and effort to prepare a water right application, we strongly encourage you to engage in a pre-application consultation with our staff. We want to understand your water supply needs and give you our perspective on risks, opportunities, and alternatives. Pre-application is not required but highly recommended. If you choose a pre-application consultation meeting, we can learn more about your proposed project and inform you of issues related to the decision on your application, such as: * Water availability. * The status of pending applications. * Anticipated processing timelines. * Application requirements, fees, and information needs. * Water resource regulations specific to your location. * Alternatives. Qualifications for priority processing. * Cost reimbursement options. * Ecology contacts. PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS

INSTRUCTIONS Download and complete the Water Right Pre-Application Consultation Form. Do your best to complete all sections of the form and we will discuss any incomplete sections at the meeting. E-mail the completed form to the appropriate regional office address on the form. If you cannot e-mail the completed form, please mail it to the appropriate regional office. <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Water-right-permits> Wait for Ecology to contact you. Our goal is to contact you within five business days to confirm receipt of your pre-application request. We will schedule a meeting or phone call to discuss your water supply needs. You can invite any professional staff (e.g., engineers, hydrogeologists, or attorneys) to answer technical questions Ecology staff may have..

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.03.470 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=90.03.470> WAC 173-162-070 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-162-070&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for Change/Transfer of Water Right' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy040197.html>. The application is to be filled out and printed and submitted by mail.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Pre-application consultation is highly recommended prior to filing an application. Here's how: * Download and complete the Pre-Application Consultation Form. Do your best to complete all sections of the form and we will discuss any incomplete sections at the meeting. * E-mail the completed form to wrPreApp@ecy.wa.gov. If you cannot e-mail the form, please mail it to the regional office where your project is located. See the pre-application form for mailing

addresses. Applications must include maps, location of point of withdrawal, place of use, identification of the beneficial use proposed, assessment of existing rights in the affected area, sufficient hydrogeologic information for determining if water is available, and information sufficient for Ecology to determine that impairment to senior water rights will not occur. Process flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Water-Rights-Change-Permit-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions. Water use reporting is required. Water rights permits require full beneficial use within a certain period of time for the water to be "perfected." Permits can be extended for good cause. Once full use of the permit has occurred, the applicant must certificate their water right through submittal of a proof of appropriation.

Submittal process:

After completing the pre-application process, application and fees are mailed to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Section PO Box 47611 Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2013

Review/Approval time:

On average it takes Ecology 1,400 days to review and approve an application. Applications are reviewed in the order they were received in each waterbody. The time it takes Ecology to review your application will depend primarily on: *Water location*Water availability*Project complexity *Other applications competing for the same source of water. A significant backlog of pending water right applications exist in many watersheds.

Valid duration:

A water right change must be put to use within a timeframe specified in the development schedule. Once full use of the permit has occurred, the applicant must certificate their water right through submittal of a proof of appropriation. This is a property

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

119

Average processing time (all):

1545

Average processing time (completed):

1436

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

1825

Pending applications:
-99
Backlog applications:
858

Explanation:
We don't have the ability to track pending applications. Backlog is as of 12/31/2024. We built up a backlog decades ago: • Pre-2020 applications didn't require the applicant to provide evidence and data. Ecology Permit Writers were expected to investi

Water Right, New

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1079

Description

A water right is a legal authorization to use a predefined quantity of public water for a designated beneficial use. Beneficial use involves using a reasonable quantity of water for non-wasteful use, such as irrigation, domestic water supply, or power generation, to name a few.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-152 WAC Chapter 90.03 RCW Chapter 90.14 RCW Chapter 90.44 RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

50

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

01/2005

Comment:

There is a minimum \$50 application fee. Any additional fees will depend on the amount of water the applicant is proposing to use and will need to be paid upfront to consider the application complete. The fee to change, transfer, or amend an existing water-right certificate or claim is fifty cents per one-hundredth cfs of water. The fee to change a storage water right is \$1 for each acre-foot of water. The maximum fee for changing an existing water right or water-storage project is \$12,500. For a change, transfer, or amendment involving a single project operating under more than one water right, only one examination fee and one certificate fee are required. This includes related secondary diversion rights or the consolidation of multiple water rights. Fees are non-refundable, so do not send additional fees until you are notified of the amount. Ecology will bill you any additional amount owed. Once billed, you will have 60 days to pay, or we will reject your application. Individual County Water Conservancy Boards set their own fees. PRE-APPLICATION Before you spend money and effort to prepare a water right application, we strongly encourage you to engage in a pre-application consultation with our staff. We want to understand your water supply needs and give you our perspective on risks, opportunities, and alternatives. Pre-application is not required but highly recommended. If you choose a pre-application consultation meeting, we can learn more about your proposed project and inform you of issues related to the decision on your application, such as: * Water availability. * The status of pending applications. * Anticipated processing timelines. * Application requirements, fees, and information needs. * Water resource regulations specific to your location. * Alternatives. Qualifications for priority processing. * Cost reimbursement options. * Ecology contacts. PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS Download and complete the Water Right Pre-Application Consultation Form. Do your best to complete all sections of the form and we will discuss any incomplete sections at the meeting. E-mail the completed form to the appropriate regional office address on the form. If you cannot e-mail the completed form, please mail it to the appropriate regional office. <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Water-right-permits> Wait for Ecology to contact you. Our goal is to contact you within five business days to confirm receipt of your pre-application request. We will schedule a meeting or phone call to discuss your water supply needs. You can invite any professional staff (e.g., engineers, hydrogeologists, or attorneys) to answer technical questions Ecology staff may have..

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.03.470 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=90.03.470> WAC 173-162-070 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-162-070&pdf=true>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Application for a Water Right' is online and can be accessed at <https://wrportal.ecology.wa.gov/>. The application is to be filled out and printed and submitted by mail. Ecology is pilot testing an online application form for this application at this time.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Pre-application consultation is highly recommended prior to filing an application. Here's how: * Download and complete the Pre-Application Consultation Form. Do your best to complete all sections of the form and we will discuss any incomplete sections at the meeting. * E-mail the completed form to wrPreApp@ecy.wa.gov. If you cannot e-mail the form, please mail it to the regional office where your project is located. See the pre-application form for mailing addresses. Applications must include maps, location of point of withdrawal, place of use, identification of the beneficial

use proposed, assessment of existing rights in the affected area, sufficient hydrogeologic information for determining if water is available, and information sufficient for Ecology to determine that impairment to senior water rights will not occur. Process flow chart: https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/New-Water-Right-Permit-Process-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions. Water use reporting is required. Water rights permits require full beneficial use within a certain period of time for the water to be "perfected." Permits can be extended for good cause. Once full use of the permit has occurred, the applicant must certificate their water right through submittal of a proof of appropriation.

Submittal process:

After completing the pre-application process, application and fees are mailed to: Department of Ecology Cashiering Section PO Box 47611 Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2023

Review/Approval time:

On average it takes Ecology 5,800 days to review and approve an application. Applications are reviewed in the order they were received in each waterbody. The time it takes Ecology to review an application will depend primarily on: * Water location* Water availability* Project complexity* Other applications competing for the same source of water. A significant backlog of pending water right applications exist in many watersheds.

Valid duration:

A water right permit must be used within the timeframe specified by the permit's development schedule. Once the water has been put to beneficial use, the state may issue a Certificate of Water Right. A Water Right Certificate is a property right and will

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160. Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:

171

Average processing time (all):

5928

Average processing time (completed):

5810

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

7300

Pending applications:
-99
Backlog applications:
3543

Explanation:
We don't have the ability to track pending applications. Backlog is as on 12/31/2024. We built up a backlog decades ago: • Pre-2020 applications didn't require the applicant to provide evidence and data. Ecology Permit Writers were expected to investi

Water Treatment Plants General Permit - NPDES Waste Discharge

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1080

Description

This general permit ensures that the settled backwash effluent discharged from water treatment plants (WTPs) to the surface waters of Washington State causes no harm to water quality or to the environment.

Legal authority

Chapter 173-200 Water Quality Standards for Groundwaters of the State of Washington WACChapter 173-201A Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington WACChapter 173-204 Sediment Management Standards WACChapter 173-205 Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing and Limits WACChapter 173-220 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program WACChapter 173-224 Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees WACChapter 173-226 Waste Discharge General Permit Program WACChapter 173-240 Submission of Plans and Reports for Construction of Wastewater Facilities WACChapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCWFederal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (Clean Water Act)

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

\$3,700 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224-040>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Water-treatment-plants>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

You must also include a Site Sketch, as an electronic 'pdf' or 'jpg' attachment. Ecology may request additional information or have questions after reviewing the application form.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your order/permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions.

Submittal process:

The application is submitted electronically via the Water Quality Permitting Portal at <https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ecy/wqwebportal/> or to the appropriate Ecology Regional Office. Find and contact the appropriate regional office or call the statewide contact.

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2014

Review/Approval time:

WAC 173-226-200 and RCW 90.48.170: Application for permits shall be made at least 180 days prior to commencement of any proposed discharge or permit expiration date, whichever is applicable.

See the Permit Timeliness Results above for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Your General Permit is valid for up to 5 years. Coverage for a facility begins at time of application approval and ends when the General Permit expires or your coverage is revoked. The next term of the Water Treatment Plant General Permit will expire on

Appeal process:

An applicant or any interested party has a right to appeal this permit to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the permit: •File your notice of appeal and a copy of the permit is with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340. •Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and the permit on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below). •You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.Filing with the PCHB For the most current information visit the PCHB website or call 360-664-9160.Service on Ecology Street Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Mailing Address: Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

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Analysis

Applications received:**Average processing time (all):****Average processing time (completed):****Legal processing time:****Streamlining opportunities:**

N/A

Pending applications:**Backlog applications:****Explanation:**

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):**Recommended processing time:**

Well Construction and Operator's License

Department of Ecology

Type: License

ID: 1081

Description

A Well Operator's License is required for all construction and decommissioning activities for these categories of wells: Water wells. Monitoring wells. Geotech soil borings. Environmental investigation wells. Geothermal heat pump borings. Dewatering systems. There are two situations that do not require this license: When drilling a water well on your own property for your own consumptive use no more than once every two years. The well must meet all well construction regulation standards and be constructed by the actual property owner. There is no exemption for decommissioning wells. A property owner must hire a licensed Washington state well driller. When drilling is conducted by a licensed engineer, architect, or land surveyor registered in Washington State, provided state construction and decommissioning regulations are met and the engineer, architect or land surveyor is on site during construction and decommissioning activities. There are various ways to qualify for a license. See the Guide to Washington's Well Operator Program publication for specific requirements. The applicant must meet the requirements outlined in the Guide to Washington's Well Operator Program and pass a written and possible on-site exam.

Legal authority

Chapter 18.104 RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=18.104>

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

-99

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

06/2005

Comment:

New applicants \$75 for each type of license.

To renew a license \$75 for each type of license.

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 18.104.055 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=18.104.055>

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Well Construction Operator's License Application' is online and can be accessed at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY050121A.html>. The application is to be filled out and printed and submitted by mail.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

Complete application and submit to Ecology. To apply for a new well operator license, applicants must pass a written exam and possibly an on-site field exam.

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

License dependencies vary. Please contact (360) 999-7120 for more information.

Submittal process:

Applications must be mailed to:

Cashiering Unit
Department of Ecology
PO Box 46711
Olympia WA 98504-7611

Application/Submittal last updated:

Unknown

Review/Approval time:

License applications are reviewed and a written response to the applicant is made within two weeks of receipt.

Valid duration:

Licenses must be renewed every 2 years prior to the renewal date. If a well operator license is not renewed by the renewal date, the license is expired and you may not construct or decommission wells. Trainee licenses are not renewable, but may receive a

Appeal process:

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Analysis

Applications received:

93

Average processing time (all):

-99

Average processing time (completed):

-99

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Backlog applications:

0

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

-99

Recommended processing time:

30

Wetland and Other Waters Administrative Orders

Department of Ecology

Type: Order

ID: 1082

Description

These orders are issued to authorize discharges to waters of the state with the purpose to control and prevent pollution of waters of the state.

Legal authority

RCW 90.48WAC 173-201A

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

0

Fee last changed:

Never

Comment:

N/A

Legal authority for fees:

N/A

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

This application is called 'Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application (JARPA)' is online and can be accessed at http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias_resourcecenter/jarpa/9983/jarpa.aspx

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

1. Submit a request, such as a Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application (JARPA), along with any additional information applicable to the project (e.g., mitigation plan, restoration plans, etc.). 2. Ecology staff review request and provide comments. If State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is triggered, we need to wait for SEPA completion prior to issuing our authorization. Process flow chart:

https://www.oria.wa.gov/Portals/_oria/VersionedDocuments/Permit_Schematics/Wetland-Regulations-Schematics.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

None

Submittal process:

Send completed application to: ecyfedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2020

Review/Approval time:

Three months for simple applications, up to a year for more for complex projects (but timeframe can be dependent on when State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is completed and responsiveness of applicant to requests for information) We cannot proceed with an approval decision until SEPA is complete.

Valid duration:

Order is valid until the Project Proponent meets all its requirements and the Project Proponent has received written notification from Ecology to that effect.

Appeal process:

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Analysis

Applications received:

34

Average processing time (all):

117

Average processing time (completed):

0

Legal processing time:

N/A

Streamlining opportunities:

Improve applications and the intake processes

Pending applications:

32

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

565

Winery General Permit

Department of Ecology

Type: Permit

ID: 1083

Description

To ensure that winery wastewater does not pollute groundwater or damage wastewater treatment infrastructure via land treatments, discharges to wastewater treatment plants, or other allowable discharge methods. This permit is required by the State Water Pollution Control Act law (Chapter 90.48 RCW).

Legal authority

Chapter 173-226 Waste Discharge General Permit Program WACChapter 90.48 Water Pollution Control RCW

Equity considerations:

Please see cover memo.

Costs/Fees

Application fee:

0

Credential fee:

-99

Fee last changed:

Unknown

Comment:

\$300 - \$33,200 unless the annual permit fee schedule states otherwise. See permit fee schedule for current rates: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-224>

Legal authority for fees:

RCW 90.48.465 WAC 173-224-040

Application Information

Application process and form(s):

The application is called 'Electronic Notice of Intent (NOI)' is online and can be accessed at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Winery-permit>.

Requirements, additional actions, information, or documentation:

No, unless you are unable to submit your application electronically. In this case, you must submit, and Ecology must approve, an Electronic Reporting Waiver before you submit your application. Decision tree: WGP_2024_DecisionTree.pdf

Dependencies, conditions, or requirements:

When making the decision on your permit, Ecology will consider the applicable laws and rules, the contents of your application, and the background environmental conditions. Permit coverage cannot be issued to a new facility unless applicable State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements have been satisfied. SEPA review, city permits, and county permits must include all the activities that the facility will perform. A complete application must also include certification that the public notice requirements have been met. If comments are received during the public comment period, Ecology must review and respond to the comments and take them into consideration when making the decision.

Submittal process:

You are required to use the electronic Notice of Intent application (eNOI) and submit it to Ecology over the internet. If you do not have internet access, please contact Ecology for the Electronic Reporting Waiver.

Application/Submittal last updated:

01/2019

Review/Approval time:

See the Permit Timeliness Results for average processing times.

Valid duration:

Ecology reissues all winery permits every five years. All facilities with permit coverage must reapply for coverage 180 days before the expiration date. The current permit expires on June 30, 2029.

Appeal process:

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Analysis

Applications received:

3

Average processing time (all):

60

Average processing time (completed):

30

Legal processing time:

Streamlining opportunities:

N/A

Pending applications:

0

Backlog applications:

0

Explanation:

N/A

Average time between approval and any post-approval condition(s)/step(s):

0

Recommended processing time:

90