State Wastewater Discharge Permit

### Application Phase

**Applicant Start**
- Applicant reviews activities requiring State Wastewater Discharge Permit

**Department of Ecology (Ecology)**
- No Permit Required
  - Ecology reviews application for completeness
  - Complete
  - Incomplete
  - Ecology requests resubmittal

Ecology prepares Public Notice of Application (PNOA) for public review

- Public reviews PNOA and can request a public hearing from Ecology
- Public comments to Ecology

Ecology evaluates discharge for conventional, non-conventional, and toxic pollutants and priority of the discharge

- High Priority
  - Ecology develops effluent limits and best management practices
- Low Priority and no action on application for 60 days
  - Ecology issues letter of authorization of temporary permit. Discharge is according to application. Authorization is for a maximum of 5 years

### Review and Issuance Phase

**Ecology issues Permit, Fact Sheet, and supporting documentation**

**Applicant conducts first review of proposed NPDES Permit and fact sheet for factual errors**

**Ecology issues Public Notice of Draft (PNOD). Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are posted on the internet and mailed to interested parties**

**Ecology responds to public comments and may modify the permit conditions**

**Applicant may appeal permit conditions to Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB)**

Ecology issues Final NPDES Permit

**Public may submit comments on permit conditions or request a hearing**

**Public may request a hearing from Ecology**

**Public may appeal permit conditions to Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB)**

### Appeal Phase

Legend: =Hyperlink =Progression =Revision =Optional

For more information on this or any permitting process visit [http://www.ogc.wa.gov](http://www.ogc.wa.gov) or call the Governor’s Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance at (800) 917-0043

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