Agency: Department of Ecology    AO # 20-06

Effective date of rule:
Permanent Rules
☒ 31 days after filing.
☐ Other (specify) ______ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
☐ Yes    ☒ No    If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The purpose of the rule is to repeal two chapters that Ecology no longer has authority to implement, Chapters 173-422 and 173-422A WAC. The authority for the motor vehicle emission inspection program expired January 1, 2020. This repeal will eliminate possible confusion over obsolete rules.

In 2005, the Legislature phased out emission testing in Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish and Spokane counties on January 1, 2020. After 38 years, Washington’s emission check program ended, so vehicle owners are no longer required to have their vehicles’ emissions tested before renewing their registrations.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
New: Chapters 173-422 and 173-422A WAC
Amended:
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 70A.25 RCW, Motor Vehicle Emission Control (RCW 70A.25.100)

Other authority: N/A

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)
Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-04-032 on January 26, 2021 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:
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**Date Adopted:** 6/2/2021

**Name:** Laura Watson

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**

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