



Dates for Required Actions to Implement the Climate Commitment Act, Under Chapters 173-441 and 173-446 WAC

2022

March 31, 2022	All current GHG reporters report 2021 GHG emissions using old methods. Natural gas utilities report 2015-2021 emissions to be eligible for no cost allowances.
September 15, 2022	EITE facilities submit proposed baselines (including providing production data) for 2015-2021.
October 2022	Ecology sends formal notice to current reporters meeting CCA requirements that they are covered entities under the CCA.
November 1, 2022	Chapter 173-446 WAC (Climate Commitment Act Program Rule) goes into effect.
November 15, 2022	Ecology assigns allocation baseline for EITE facilities based on information submitted September 15, 2022.

2023

January 2023	Ecology establishes accounts for covered entities with approved applications.
First half 2023	Two auctions (vintage 2023 allowances), one includes auction of future allowances (2026 allowances). At least 60 days before, auction notice sent to Environmental Justice Council and the public.
March 31, 2023	All reporters (including new reporters) report 2022 GHG emissions (including new report content) to Ecology.
June 1, 2023	2022 electricity importer reports due.
July 1, 2023	Ecology distributes 35% of 2023 no cost allowances to natural gas utilities.
July 1, 2023	Latest date by which Ecology distributes 2023 no cost allowances to electric utilities. Distribution will be earlier if UTC (for IOUs) or the governing board of the utility (for COUs) approves forecasts of supply and demand for use under WAC 173-446-230.

Second half 2023	Two auctions (2023), one includes auction of future allowances (2026 allowances). At least 60 days before, auction notice sent to Environmental Justice Council and the public.
September 1, 2023	Ecology distributes 2023 no cost allowances to mass-based EITE facilities.
September 1, 2023	Ecology distributes remaining no cost allowances to natural gas utilities.
September 1, 2023	Ecology distributes preliminary 2023 no cost allowances to intensity-based EITEs based on 2021 production reported to Ecology in March 2022.
October 24, 2023	Ecology allocates 2024 no cost allowances to mass-based EITE facilities, natural gas utilities, and electric utilities.
October 24, 2023	Ecology allocates initial no cost 2024 allowances to intensity-based EITE facilities based on 2022 production reported in 2023.

2024

First half 2024	Two auctions (2024), one includes auction of future vintage allowances (2027). At least 60 days before, auction notice sent to Environmental Justice Council and the public.
March 31, 2024	All reporters report 2023 GHG emissions to Ecology using new methods, start third party verification.
June 1, 2024	2023 electricity importer reports due.
August 10, 2024	Third party verification deadline for 2023 GHG emissions for covered entities.
Second half 2024	Two auctions (2024), one includes auction of future vintage allowances (2027). At least 60 days before, auction notice sent to Environmental Justice Council and the public.
October 24, 2024	Ecology issues 2024 no cost allowances to mass-based EITE facilities, natural gas utilities, and electric utilities.
October 24, 2024	True-up of allowances to intensity-based EITE facilities based on 2023 production reported in 2024 (2024 allowances usable for 2023 compliance). Ecology initial allocation of no cost 2024 allowances to intensity-based EITE facilities based on 2023 production.
November 1, 2024	Annual compliance deadline – Surrender compliance instruments to cover 30% of 2023 emissions.

2025

Early 2025	True-up of allowances to account for offset credits used on November 1, 2024 to comply with 2023 compliance obligations.
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