

Update Chapter 173-460 WAC, Controls for New Sources of Toxic Air Pollutants



Notice to Interested Parties

Ecology is starting the rulemaking process to update Chapter 173-460 WAC, Controls for New Sources of Toxic Air Pollutants. This rule:

- provides specific criteria and conditions for permitting new or modified sources of toxic air pollutants
- builds on the standard permitting framework for new sources (WAC 173-400-110)
- establishes emission thresholds for about 400 toxic air pollutants

Why is this rulemaking needed?

This rule has been in effect since 1991, with the last rule revision in 2009. We think it is time to update the rule and how it is implemented.

Rulemaking Timeline

1. First rulemaking

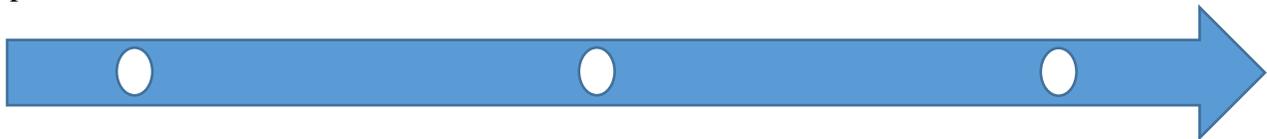
July 2018 – Winter 2019
Revise list of toxic air pollutants

2. Explore options

July 2018 – Winter 2019
Assess what else could be revised

3. Potential additional rulemakings

2020 – 2021
2022 – 2023



Scope of rulemakings

1. The first rulemaking – July 2018

We will focus our first rulemaking on updating the list of toxic air pollutants to reflect the latest health effects information. [Visit our rulemaking webpage.](#)

We intend to complete this first rulemaking by the end of 2019, but we may need to adjust this if our priorities change.

Stakeholder meeting on the first rulemaking – Aug. 20, 2018

We will discuss possible rule changes on August 20 at this public meeting. Attend in person or by webinar.

- **Time and date:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Aug. 20, 2018
- **Location:** Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, WA 98503
- **Information on webinar/video conference**

2. Explore options and gather information (July 2018 – Feb. 2019)

At the same time as the first rulemaking, we will start a process to explore other updates to the rule with interested parties. We will draw on years of stakeholder experiences to assess

possible changes throughout the rule and separate them into multiple rulemakings instead of trying to address the entire rule at once. As we move forward, we will ask your opinions on how we prioritize and update this rule. [Visit our exploratory process webpage.](#)

Questions we're asking:

- How protective of our health is the current structure?
- What updates and efficiencies can we add?
- How can we streamline or standardize implementation?
- Where can we add flexibility?

Bring your ideas to our first workshop – August 8, 2018

What could be revised in the rule? Attend in person or by webinar.

- **Time and date:** 1 – 3 p.m., Aug. 8, 2018
- **Location:** Department of Ecology
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3. Potential additional rulemakings

Based on the options that are identified and the public input we receive, we may begin additional rulemakings to amend Chapter 173-460 WAC.

Who might be affected?

This rulemaking will be of interest to:

- Industrial and commercial business owners
- Air quality consultants
- Local clean air agencies
- Tribal and local governments
- Environmental, business, and civic organizations
- General public

How to stay informed

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- [Air toxics rulemaking \(173-460\)](#)
- [Other Air Quality Program rulemaking and state implementation plan \(SIP\) activities](#)

Browse our webpages:

- [460 Rulemaking webpage](#)
- [Exploratory process webpage](#)

Questions

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