



# Workshop on PCB Variances for Spokane River Dischargers

November 14, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CenterPlace Regional Events Center, Spokane Valley, WA

The Washington Department of Ecology is hosting a one-day public workshop to share information on the potential use of PCB variances for five wastewater dischargers on the Spokane River. Staff from the Water Quality Program's Watershed Management Section (WMS) and Eastern Regional Office (ERO) will provide information on several topics related to the variance rulemaking process. Each topic will be followed by time for question and answers.

## To Participate:

### Attend in person:

CenterPlace Regional Events Center  
2426 N Discovery Pl, Spokane Valley

### Attend via webinar:

Register for the webinar at <https://bit.ly/32EddUp>.

## Agenda

*Note: Times may vary according to questions and discussion during topic presentations.*

9:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b> (Heather Bartlett, WQ Program Manager)
9:05 a.m.	<b>Overview of Rule Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Context/background: water quality standards, variances, and Spokane River PCBs (Cheryl Niemi, WMS)</li> <li>Rulemaking Information/Status (Marla Koberstein, WMS)</li> <li>Economic analysis required for rulemaking (Sam Wilson, Rules Unit)</li> </ul> <i>Q &amp; A on Rule Development Presentations</i>
10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Ecology application review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Process (Cheryl Niemi, WMS)</li> <li>Technical Analysis (Patrick Hallinan, ERO)</li> <li>Alternative Actions Analysis (Diana Washington, ERO)</li> </ul> <i>Q &amp; A on Application Review Presentations</i>
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:15 p.m.	<b>Pollution Minimization Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal dischargers (Diana Washington, ERO)</li> <li>Industrial dischargers (Patrick Hallinan, ERO)</li> </ul> <i>Q &amp; A on Pollution Minimization Plans</i>

2:00 p.m.	<b>Approaches to the Highest Attainable Condition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal dischargers (Diana Washington, ERO)</li> <li>• Industrial dischargers (Patrick Hallinan, ERO)</li> </ul> <i>Q &amp; A on Highest Attainable Condition</i>
3:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop Wrap-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Steps (Cheryl Niemi, WMS)</li> <li>• Closing discussion (Karl Rains, ERO)</li> </ul>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop ends. Safe Travels!</b>

## Additional Resources

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### More Information

**Variance Rulemaking Webpage:**

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC173-201A-variances>

**Water improvements on the Spokane River**

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Total-Maximum-Daily-Load-process/Directory-of-improvement-projects/Spokane-River>

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