

Stakeholder Meeting Summary
Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) Rulemaking, Chapter 173-443 WAC
January 28, 2020
Ecology, Lacey and Webinar

Ecology staff shared draft rule language with representatives from the foam, and refrigeration and air conditioning industries. Ecology staff met separately with representatives from the aerosol propellant industry on January 21, 2020 due to a scheduling conflict.

Informal public comment period

Ecology opened an informal public comment period for the draft rule language shared in the meeting. Stakeholders may submit written comments or questions through March 17, 2020. Ecology will not respond to comments, but we will take all feedback into consideration as we continue to refine the rule language.

Ecology will email the link for submitting comments online to our interested party list after the meeting. Stakeholders can also find the link on the HFC rulemaking web page (<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC173-443>) under Public input & involvement.

Based on stakeholder feedback, Ecology will work to clarify:

- The labeling requirements for:
 - air conditioning equipment
 - foam used in commercial refrigeration products versus other non-retail foam products
- The definition of:
 - non-retail foam products
 - “household refrigerators and freezers”
- The allowance for spray foam products to be used after the prohibition date if the product has not yet been applied on site.

Next steps

January – March 2020: Ecology will continue to develop rule language. Stakeholders may submit comments online.

March – April 2020: Ecology will start economic analysis outreach.

May – June 2020: Ecology will propose rule for public comment. During the 30 day public comment period, stakeholders will be able to submit comments online.

Reminder: Economic and regulatory analysis

As part of the rulemaking process, Ecology will analyze costs and benefits of the proposed and adopted rule. To do this, Sam Wilson will reach out to stakeholders March/April 2020. Stakeholders may also contact Sam directly:

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