



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Agency: Department of Ecology AO #22-18

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: This rule establishes reporting requirements for recipients of funding from the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) accounts so that Ecology can complete our required annual report to the state Legislature. These reporting requirements include those related to RCW 70A.65.230 regarding expenditures that benefit vulnerable populations within the boundaries of overburdened communities and those that are formally supported by a resolution of a Tribe. Additionally, the rule includes requirements for recipients to report on the quantity of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions expected to result from work funded by the CCA.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: Chapter 173-446B WAC
 Repealed:
 Amended:
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 70A.65 RCW Greenhouse Gas Emissions--Cap and Invest Program

Other authority: N/A

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-10-028 on April 23, 2024 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: Ecology made edits to: 1) ensure that, for all expenditures, recipients report on whether they expect verifiable emissions reductions or other long-term impacts to emissions; 2) make it clear that direct and meaningful benefits that are expected to occur may be reported; 3) create more flexibility for agencies that voluntarily conduct ongoing tracking and monitoring; 4) make reporting on job quality and quantity optional for expenditures from all CCA accounts, rather than required for expenditures from a single account; and 5) align sections of the rule related to reporting on greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

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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 Other: NA

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>6</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

Date Adopted: October 8, 2024

Name: Laura Watson

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