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Update on Governor's Exec Order on Rule-Making

From Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant:

Last week I announced Ecology's initial determination on rule-making in light of Gov. Gregoire Executive Order 10-06 and implementation guidelines. Many citizens, stakeholders and local and tribal governments weighed in with their thoughts on our initial decisions. I appreciate all the comments that folks provided, especially given the short timeline.

Today I'm announcing Ecology's decisions about what moves ahead, what will be delayed through 2011, and what rules in process are "to be determined".

- This is posted on our rule-making suspension update page: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/rulemaking_suspension.html
- The list can be found by following this link: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/docs/decision_list.pdf

I know that not everyone will agree with all of these decisions. In making them, I weighed the spirit and the letter of the Governor's directive, the different criteria for exemptions, input we've received, and our own sense of what is and isn't "critical" to move forward at this time. As we make further decisions in the coming weeks and months on the "to be determined" list of rules, we will notify stakeholders, the public and local and tribal governments accordingly.

Regards,

Ted Sturdevant, Director

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