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Final Meeting of the MTCA/SMS Rule Making Advisory Group

On Friday, Dec 17, 2010, Ecology's MTCA/SMS Advisory Group and Sediment Workgroup will hold a final meeting. These groups have been advising Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program on issues related to updating the MTCA and SMS rules.

The meeting will be 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Ecology NW Regional Office in Bellevue, WA. The meeting is open to the public, and meeting materials and directions will be posted on the Ecology web site prior to the meeting.

Ecology will be reforming the advisory group process according to the Governor's recent decision to suspend non-essential rulemaking. Ecology is putting work updating the MTCA Cleanup Regulation on hold for one year, and will continue working on updates to the Sediment Management Standards. We are in the process of identifying and taking steps needed to move ahead with only the sediment issues.

On Friday Ecology will provide a status summary of the MTCA and SMS rule issues. Over the next year this email listserv will continue to provide updates on the Sediment Management Standards rulemaking, including subsequent meetings. At this time we (very tentatively) expect advisory meetings to be held in spring, possibly in April or May 2011.

Thank you for your interest in these rulemaking efforts. Please contact Martha Hankins at (360) 407-6864 or martha.hankins@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or would like further information. See also information on the Ecology web site at: [MTCA and SMS Rulemaking](#) .