

(Draft) Sub-options for Addressing Significance in Statewide Standard, Framework, Safe Harbor, and Procedural Options
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Significance threshold sub-options¹	Which projects would be significant?	As a Statewide Standard? all decisions in law, Ecology rule or guidance Decisions²	As a Framework? some decisions set by Ecology, some by agencies ³ Example	As a Safe Harbor? <u>Law or rule</u> Agencies required to set a threshold Example	Procedural⁴ <u>Law or rule</u> Agencies required to set a threshold
Zero					<u>Agencies set:</u> D.1 - D...
Zero	Any non exempt proposal with emissions	D.1 nonexempt proposals with listed emission sources is “significant”. D.2 emission sources D.3 methodology/formula for emissions and mitigation	<u>Ecology rule or guidance</u> D.1 <u>Decisions available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D.2 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list D.3 or choose from a list 	<u>Agencies set:</u> Any decision acceptable <u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.3, for agencies that do not set a threshold	
Non-zero					
Opt 1. Exceeding ‘x’ GHG emission amount	All non exempt proposals exceeding one set number	D.1 threshold number D.2 emission sources D.3 methodology/formula for emissions and mitigation	<u>Ecology rule or guidance:</u> D.1 <u>Decisions available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D.2 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list D.3 or choose from a list 	<u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable <u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.3, for agencies that do not set a threshold	

¹ All sub-options listed above could be in statute/rule or in guidance

Sub-options at the beginning of the matrix are less complex and less suitable for a framework approach. Later suboptions are more suitable for a framework approach.

² Mitigation and MDNS mitigation levels would likely be another decision covered.

³ For those decisions listed as available to agencies or set by Ecology, Ecology would decide who makes those decisions →Ecology or other agencies.

⁴ Some or all of the sub-options listed above may be part of guidance for a procedural approach

Opt 2. Meet State GHG requirement	All non exempt proposals exceeding state GHG requirement using - a case-by-case fair share or - the county's allocated share	D.1 GHG requirements determines the significance threshold for any non exempt proposal D.2 methodology/formula for translating the State GHG requirement for a specific proposal D.3 emission sources D.4 formula for calculating emissions and calculating mitigation	<u>Ecology rule or guidance:</u> D.1 <u>Decisions available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.2 or choose from a list • D.3 or choose from a list • D.4 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list 	<u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable <u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.4, for agencies that do not set a threshold	
Opt 3. Uniform Percentage- Based Reduction	Any project not achieving an "x" percentage reduction below business as usual	D.1 determine threshold using percentage based reduction approach D.2 percentage reduction amount D.3 formula/process for calculating a proposal's reduction percentage D.4 emission sources D.5 methodology/formula for emissions and mitigation	<u>Ecology rule or guidance:</u> D.1 <u>Decisions available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.2 or choose from a list of choices • D.3 or choose from a list • D.4 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list • D.5 or choose from a list 	<u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable <u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.5, for agencies that do not set a threshold	
Opt 4. Standard threshold by project type	Proposals exceeding the (>0) number set for their project type. <u>Approach 1:</u> based on market capture <u>Approach 2:</u> % based	D.1 project types D.2 determine threshold for each project type (residential, office, industrial) D.3 emission sources D.4 methodology/formula for emissions and mitigation by project type	<u>Ecology rule or guidance:</u> D.1 <u>Decisions available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.2 or choose within range set by Ecology • D.3 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list • D.4 or choose from a list 	<u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable <u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.4, for agencies that do not set a threshold	

	<p><u>Approach 3:</u> Proposals exceeding GHG emission amount adopted by local</p> <p><i>(one variation of Approach 1 or 2)</i></p>		<p><u>Ecology rule or guidance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.1 set range for each project type (residential, office, industrial) <p><u>Decisions available to agencies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.2 choose threshold for each project type within range set by Ecology <p><u>Decisions available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.3. select list or portions of list, may incorporate Green list • D.4 methodology/formula for calculating emissions and mitigation by project type or choose from a list 	<p><u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable</p> <p><u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.5, for agencies that do not set a threshold</p>	
	<p><u>Approach 4:</u> Proposals on the significant project-type list</p>	<p>D.1 project types exceeding emission threshold</p> <p>D.2 emission sources</p> <p>D.3 methodology/formula for emissions</p> <p>D.4 mitigation by project type</p>	<p><u>Ecology rule or guidance:</u> D.1 may designate a range to choose from</p> <p><u>Options available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.2 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list • D.3 or choose from a list • D.4 or choose from a list 	<p><u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable</p> <p><u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.4, for agencies that do not set a threshold</p>	
	<p><u>Approach 5:</u> Proposals exceeding a set size (rather than calculated GHG number)</p>	<p>D.1 size threshold by project type</p> <p>D.2 emission sources</p> <p>D.3 methodology for emissions and mitigation by project type</p>	<p><u>In rule or guidance:</u> D.1</p> <p><u>Options available to agencies or set by Ecology:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.2 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list • D.3 or choose from a list 	<p><u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable</p> <p><u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.3, for agencies that do not set a threshold</p>	
<p>Opt 5. Tiered approach with Decision tree</p>	<p>Proposals which exceed the threshold by all paths made available</p>	<p>D.1 paths which may be used</p> <p>D.2 process for applying paths</p> <p>D.3 thresholds for each path</p> <p>D.4 emission sources for each path</p> <p>D.5 formula/methodology for emissions and mitigation for each path</p>	<p><u>In rule or guidance:</u> D.1 D.2</p> <p><u>Options available tor agencies or set by Ecology:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.3 or choose from a range/list • D.4 or select portions of list, may incorporate Green list • D.5 or choose from a list 	<p><u>Agencies set</u> Any decision acceptable</p> <p><u>Set by Ecology</u> D.1 through D.5, for agencies that do not set a threshold</p>	

